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## N.C. Congress Of Parents And Teachers Sponsors Conference

Raleigh — The North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will sponsor its annual fall District Conference for District Three at the First Baptist Church in Valdese, N. C., on Monday, October 2. Registration and a coffee will begin at 9:30 a. m. and the program at 10:00, ending with lunch. All PTA members, school principals, superintendents, supervisors, school board members and other interested persons are invited to attend. The Valdese PTA will be host for the meeting. Lunch will be available by reservation. District Three includes the counties of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, Wayne, Watauga and Yancey.

The conference program will examine the "PTA's Stake in School Boards" and will seek to create a broader understanding of the role of school boards and their contribution to public education. To promote "better communication between boards of education and parents" was one of the first commitments made by State PTA President, Mrs. R'ey S. Monds of Hertford, when she was elected in 1966. Mrs. Monds and State PTA Field Secretary, Frances Setzer, will

bring information and challenges through their presentation to conference participants. Educating the public and particularly the PTA to every facet of school board activity is the goal of N. C. PTA this year. District Conferences across the state are a major facet of this program.

Mrs. Edwin Kaplan of Valdese, Director of District Three, will preside at the meeting and will conduct a brief business session.

## Taylor Proposes Historic Sight

WASHINGTON — Congressman Roy A. Taylor today introduced a bill to acquire the Carl Sandburg property at Fiat Rock, North Carolina, and establish it as a national historic site.

His bill proposes that the Secretary of Interior be provided funds to purchase the 268-acre estate where the late author lived and worked during the last 20 years of his life.

The bill was immediately referred to the House National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, of which Taylor is chairman.

## UNC Plans TV History Course

GREENSBORO — The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has announced plans to offer an advanced history course over the statewide UNC Educational Television network this fall.

Dr. Richard Bardolph, author and head of the UNC-G History Department, will teach the course which is entitled "History 501a: Social History of the United States to 1865."

The State Department of Public Instruction will pay tuition costs for any public school teachers who receive approval to take the course. Other interested persons may receive credit by registering with the Extension Division at UNC-G and paying a \$30 tuition fee.

Credits from the course may be applied toward graduate or advanced undergraduate work.

Lectures will be televised each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 p. m. to 7 p. m., beginning Oct. 16 and ending Jan. 15. The deadline for registration is Oct. 23.

The course will be offered on Channel 4, Chapel Hill; Channel 2, Columbia; Channel 17, Linville; Channel 33, Asheville and Channel 58, Concord.

## Tomato Crops Give Low Yield This Season

Although the tomato season was below par this year, Yancey County growers are realizing some profit for their crops. This is the opinion of the County Farm Office.

Approximately 75 acres of tomatoes were set this year in the county, according to E. L. Dillingham, Farm Agent. This acreage was above the average set last year, and agriculture officials hope 75 or more acres will be put in tomatoes next year.

The crop this year is estimated to be less than fifty per cent of production under a normal season. A bad growth of tomatoes because of the adverse conditions and a below normal market hindered the profit expected by growers here.

A bad season generally, with early excess rain, cool and dry weather later resulted in poor production. And a late spring, generally, caused crops in earlier producing areas to mature to a market condition at about the same time crops in this county were ready for market. This had a lowering price trend at the time.

Local growers marketed their crops in Marshall, Bakersville and through trucking. The Marshall shed is larger than any in the area, as would be expected since Madison county produces a large tomato crop.

It has been estimated that Madison farmers will realize

one-half million dollars from tomatoes this year. The gross from the crop in this county is estimated at \$50 thousand for the year.

Mountain farmers have very limited cash crops, and it is pointed out that tomatoes are marketable here at a time when very little cash income is coming to the farmer from other sources.

Growing tomatoes, as in growing other cash crops, the farmer who makes a crop each year is the man who reaps the rewards, according to the experts.

Plans are being laid for a co-operative packing house in this county. And if the plans work out, tomato farmers may not need to haul their crops many miles and wait several hours to get unloaded and graded—they may be able to get it done here.

## Community Development To Be Judged

Yancey County communities will compete for honors and prize money early in October, according to an announcement by E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman.

Communities will report to the judges what they have done on increasing income, family living, and youth work.

The \$536.00 in prize money comes from the United Fund, French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, and The Northwestern Bank.

Winners will be announced at the annual Farmers Night meeting October 23, sponsored by the Burnsville Men's Club. Dr. George Hyatt, Director of N. C. Extension Service will be guest speaker.

The communities competing this year are Arbuckle, Double Island, Micaville, Green Mountain, Newdale, Rocky Springs, and White Oak Creek.

## Men's Club Hears Tomberlin

R. A. Tomberlin, Assistant Superintendent of Buncombe County Schools, spoke to members of the Burnsville Men's Club Monday night at their regular monthly dinner meeting.

President Helton Carmichael presided over the meeting, and G. Leslie Hensley introduced the speaker.

Mr. Tomberlin, who is a native of this county, spoke on "The Role of a Father in the Home Today." He emphasized the need of the father to take a firmer grip on the home, guiding and setting a good example for his children.

In his talk, Mr. Tomberlin gave general recorded statistics of delinquency in the teenage group today, pointing specifically to alcohol, sex and drugs.

## Retired Rear Admiral Visits Relatives Here

For the past month one of Yancey County's most illustrious sons, after an absence of 19 years, has been visiting friends and relatives in Burnsville and the county. He is George W. Allen, R-Adm. U. S. Navy (Ret.)

Adm. Allen is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, who lived on Banks' Creek. His mother was the former Kate Wilson.

While here he visited his brother, Charles Allen, who lives in the old home place; also another brother, Edd Allen in Asheville, and his sister, Mrs. Mollie Howell in Burnsville. He spent a good deal of time visiting his cousin, Mr. John Wilson and Mrs. Wilson in Burnsville. He and the Wilsons also visited the Wilson's son, Frank Wilson and family, in Hamlet, N. C.

Adm. Allen attended the county schools and also attended Stanley-McCormick Institute in Burnsville in 1905 and 1906. He joined the Navy in 1908, and retired in 1947. He advanced from the rating of Seaman Second Class to the rank of Rear Admiral. He was not the first, but among the first to reach Flag Rank from the ranks.

He served in both World War One and Two. Prior to World War II he served at the American Embassy in London. He was

there during the German blitzing of London.

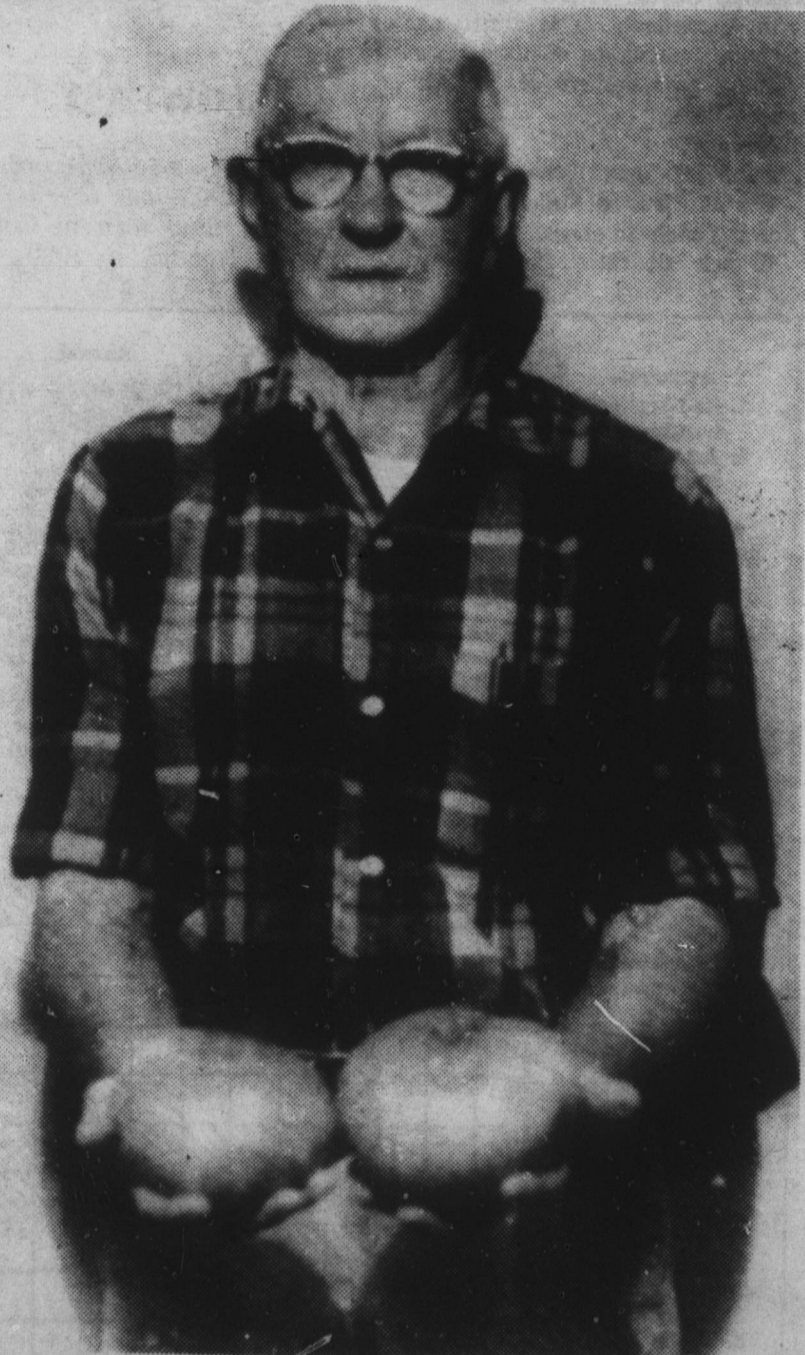
During his long and eventful career in the Navy, he was always where the action was. He had command of a mine sweeping squadron for the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. He also cleared and opened other ports on the French coast.

After Normandy, he served at Okanawa, and helped in the clearing of the East China Sea of mine bars.

After V-J Day Adm. Allen opened the Port of Cocha on the Island of Kachaco, Japan, and removed our prisoners. After that he helped in clearing the mines from the Port of Nagoya, Japan, and remained there until 1946.

Adm. Allen married Miss Catherine Smith in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1918. She passed away only three months ago. They had one daughter, who married Col. W. E. Gise, U. S. Marine Corps. He was lost at Guadalcanal during the second world war. Mrs. Gise passed away eighteen months ago, leaving one son, who makes his home with Adm. Allen in Coronado, California.

Adm. Allen stated that he was delighted to find so many of his old school mates, friends and relatives, and that he hoped to return to Burnsville next year.



Fate McClelland of Bakers Creek is shown with two prize winning tomatoes from his garden. One weighing 2½ lbs. and the other weighing 2 lbs. He said that he grew one which weighed more

than these. He stated that he and Mrs. McClelland ate about a quarter of it and then Mrs. Mc-

Clelland canned 1 and one half pints from the remainder.