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Free Lunch Situation is Critical

The critical situation which the North Carolina school lunch program is facing at the present time is pointed out in the following letter which was written to Superintendent A. W. McDougle of Black Mountain by Clyde A. Edwin, state superintendent of public instruction.

In Black Mountain schools 850 daily lunches are served at a cost of 15 cents each. Seventy-five free lunches are served daily. Under the new program, the lunches will cost 20 cents and there will be no free lunches.

February 7, 1947.

Dear Superintendent: North Carolina's school lunch program is facing a critical situation at the present time due to an increased participation and an insufficient amount of federal funds to carry on the program as usual. The increase in participation is far beyond the predictions made at the beginning of the school year. At present there are 1233 schools in the program with an average of 289,520 pupils participating daily. This is an increase of 77,911 pupils per day over last year's number.

At the beginning of the 1945-46 school year, an allocation of approximately \$1,868,640 of federal funds was made to North Carolina for the school lunch program. A financial situation similar to that which we are now facing existed in January of last year, but the Federal government was able to allocate to North Carolina approximately \$947,860 from appropriated funds which other states had not used. This enabled the program to continue for the remainder of the year. At that time there were 1015 schools with a pupil participation of 211,609 and the year ended with \$2,807,772 Federal funds being used.

This year, North Carolina's share of the \$75,000,000 appropriated by Congress for the reimbursement program is \$2,276,668.32, with a reallocation of approximately \$356,334, bringing the total funds that can be anticipated for food reimbursement to \$2,633,002.32. With a daily total pupil participation of 289,520 you can readily see how far short reimbursement funds will be, especially since practically every school is serving Type A meal and claiming the maximum reimbursement of 7 to 9 cents per meal. The federal funds available for this year are sufficient to pay claims through February and a part of March. The March claims will be paid on a percentage basis, after all claims have been submitted. It is estimated at the present time that there will be sufficient funds to pay 30-50 percent of the total value of each claim. All schools now on the program will continue to share in surplus and section 6 commodities. The Nonfood Assistance will also continue.

Because of the inadequate federal funds available and the faint hope of getting any additional appropriation, we are asking the schools to assume the responsibility of making up the deficit caused by the exhaustion of federal funds for reimbursement in order to operate the remainder of the school year for the benefit of the children of our state. Some schools may have difficulty in doing this; others will not. In view of this situation the following suggestions are offered:

1. Increase the charge per pupil meal 5c effective March 1 in order to make up the deficit. Make
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WEATHER

Below are the reports of the U. S. Forest Service weather station at Point Lookout. Readings are made three times daily by W. G. Alley.

	H	L	Prec.
Feb. 6	44	25	.00
Feb. 7	48	36	.00
Feb. 8	18	13	.00
Feb. 9	25	7	.00
Feb. 10	32	16	.00
Feb. 11	46	29	.00
Feb. 12	47	36	.00

HUNTER FLORIST



ABOVE is shown the interior of Hunter Florist greenhouse located on Blue Ridge road just outside the city limits of Black Mountain. Hunter Florist has a wide assortment of potted plants in bloom during the winter months as well as many types of cut flowers. The Black Mountain florist specializes in funeral designs, weddings, and flowers for all occasions. During the spring and summer months he will have eight acres of flowers under cultivation.

Red Cross B & P Committee Issues Appeal To Merchants

Will Attempt to Raise \$1000 in business Section

We the undersigned as members of the business and professional men's committee of the Red Cross fund campaign, call on every one engaged in business or a profession in Black Mountain to join us in raising at least \$1000.00 toward the total of \$5700.00 needed. The balance will be raised throughout the territory covered by our local chapter.

Of the \$5700.00 to be raised, \$1,300.00 goes to the American Red Cross for its overall program at home and abroad and the balance is used locally in our various Red Cross activities and services. We have had an opportunity to study the work of the local Red Cross at first hand and we have been greatly impressed with its thoroughness and efficiency as well as its wise use of funds.

We are fortunate in having as Executive Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Carr who has made such a contribution to the community. Under her direction scores of men and women volunteer members have given of their time, energy, and money to carry out various community services. We would also call your attention to the veterans hospital, formerly Moore General, which has meant so much to this community from a financial standpoint, both to merchants and civilians employed there.

The Red Cross through its services to the veterans at the hospital gives us an opportunity to show our gratitude to these men for the service to the country.

Every business and professional man or woman will be called on before February 27 and given an opportunity to contribute. In order to reach our goal of \$1000.00, there will have to be a number of contributions of \$25.00 and over. So we call on you to give liberally.

Signed: J. L. Potter, chairman, Ben R. Hunter, Wm. H. Hickey, Herbert Sanders, A. P. Perley, Jr., R. S. Eckles, Albert Garland, Gordon Greenwood, W. H. Holman, J. H. Rice, and R. T. Hill.

Students To Hear Talk On Citizenship

On Friday at the Black Mountain High school assembly, representatives from the Civitan club will give a talk regarding the good citizenship contest and qualifications for it. Each year the club sponsors a luncheon and gives certificates of award to individuals selected by the student body as the best representative of good citizenship.

—Mrs. Lessie Wagner and daughters, Evelyn and Yvonne from Swannanoa spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother. Mrs. B. G. Dalton of Black Mountain.

Southern Has 93 Diesel Units On Order

The Southern Railway System announced today that it now has on order a total of 93 Diesel locomotive units, 2500 freight cars, and 101 new lightweight streamlined passenger cars. Total estimated cost of the new equipment is in excess of \$33 million. Also on order are 42,500 gross tons of new rail.

Ernest E. Norris, president of the Southern, pointed out that purchase of this equipment "reflects our faith in the bright future of the territory we serve as well as our determination to keep pace with its fast-growing transportation needs." Freight and passenger train schedules have been speeded up, he added, and the long-range betterment program of the railway, which the war interrupted, "is being progressed as rapidly as finances and other conditions permit."

During 1946, Mr. Norris said, the Southern received and put into service fifteen Diesel freight and passenger locomotives, ranging from 2700 to 6000-h. p., fifteen 1000-h. p. Diesel switchers, and 500 steel-sheathed box cars. In addition, the railway has recently completed the building of 1000 wood-rack cars (used for hauling pulpwood) in its Spencer, N. C., shops. The cars were turned out at the rate of 25 a week.

The Southern System also laid 32,647 gross tons of new rail in renewals last year, of which 22,045 gross tons were of 131-pound rail.

One of the first and largest users of Diesel power, the Southern now has a total of 313 Diesel units in service and on order for its 8,000-mile system. In practice the Diesel road power on order and in service will operate as 54 freight and 16 passenger locomotives, and six small passenger trains.

The Diesel equipment now on order consists of 68 road freight units of 1350 to 1500-h. p., fifteen 1000-h. p., and four 2000-h. p. switchers, and six switchers of 600 to 660-h. p. Estimated cost of this new equipment exceeds \$12 million.

The freight cars now on order include 100 automobile box cars, 600 gondolas, 500 ballast cars, and 150 covered hopper cars.

Plans to re-equip four of its passenger trains with the most modern equipment were set in motion last summer when the Southern placed orders for 101 new lightweight streamlined passenger cars. In addition, orders for 39 more cars have been placed by other railroads over which the equipment will be operated.

The 140 new passenger cars will be used to replace the streamlined equipment now on the "Southerner," all-reserved coach train between New York and New Orleans, and the "Tennessean," Washington-Memphis streamliner. The all-Pullman "Crescent" between New York and New Orleans will be completely streamlined with all-room cars, as will the "Royal Palm" which operates between the Great Lakes Region and Jacksonville, via Cincinnati. The streamlined equipment now in use on the "Southerner" and the "Tennessean" will be placed in service on other trains of the system.

In a rearrangement of schedules extending over recent months, the Southern has speeded up and improved both passenger and freight service, providing more convenient departure and arrival times as well as faster travel and better connections. Diesel equipment has been added on numerous passenger and freight trains. The introduction of new freight handling equipment and the enlargement and improvement of yards and facilities have also resulted in a stepping-up of service to both shippers and receivers.

—Misses Joyce Gniw and Irene Graham of the Sanatorium and Lawrence English of Black Mountain were dinner guests of Mrs. F. C. Cook and son Andy last Friday evening. Miss Gniw expects to be discharged from the sanatorium soon.

Council Asks Additional Street Lights For City



Ray M. Stephens, son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Stephens received his B. A. degree from Park college, Parkville, Missouri, on January 31, having majored in political science.

After graduation from Black Mountain High school he spent four years in the navy, receiving his commission at Fort Scuyler, N. Y. The major part of his service was in the Pacific theater.

At present he is attached to the staff of Park college.

Coca-Cola Head Contemplates No Price Raise

So far there has been no increase in the wholesale price of Coca-Cola to the dealers in Western North Carolina, and none is contemplated, said Mr. R. L. Ellis, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Asheville, today, unless the price of sugar is materially increased.

This, Mr. Ellis pointed out, should be of considerable interest to all dealers in Western North Carolina. By far the majority of these dealers are now selling Coca-Cola to the consumer at the traditional 5c price. The fact that they can continue to do so should, he said, be good news to them and to the public.

Mr. Ellis commented upon the world sugar shortage and explained that Coca-Cola Bottlers were entering upon their sixth year of rationing, and are operating during the first quarter of 1947 at 60 per cent of their 1941 sugar purchases. He stated that the same quality of the Product, which had remained unchanged year after year, would be maintained, even though the shortage of ingredients made it impossible to supply the present demand.

In expressing hope for an early improvement in this situation, he went on to say, "Not until the day when any of us can go into a store and buy all the sugar we want, without stamps and at a reasonable price, will we be able to achieve production equal to that which we all enjoyed before the war. And I sincerely hope that the time will not be too far distant when all restrictions will be removed."

New Cleaning Plant To Open Here Soon

Carl Kerlee and Robert Eckles have purchased new equipment and will open a cleaning and pressing business in the J. O. U. A. M. hall within the next few days, it was announced today. The site is the place formerly occupied by Ann's Cafe.

Mr. Kerlee will manage the plant while for the time being Bob will remain in his present position. All work will be guaranteed. The cleaner, who will be responsible for the work, has had almost 20 years experience.

★ Say You Saw It In The NEWS

CP&L Manager & Clerk Requested to Make Survey

William Holcombe, local manager of Carolina Power and Light company, and Woodrow Morgan, city clerk, have been asked to make a survey of the city to determine how many additional lights are needed, Mayor J. L. Potter and the city council revealed at the regular meeting Tuesday night. "We want the lights installed wherever needed," the mayor said, "and as soon as possible."

The city fathers heard a report read by R. E. Finch to the effect that any entertainers appearing within the city limits may be taxed \$10.00 per night by the city council. This includes all types of entertainers—hill billy bands, American Legion shows, movies, and other forms of shows whether for benefit or profit.

Mr. Finch had been asked to render a decision following the appearance before the board of Albert Terrell, owner and manager of the New Theater, who had asked that all forms of entertainment appearing within the city limits of Black Mountain be assessed the \$10.00 tax.

John H. Martin, veteran of four years' service in the marine corps, was present to apply for the position of night policeman. He was advised to write a letter of application and leave it with the clerk for consideration by the council. Mayor Potter advised the board that he had instructed the clerk to use the city employees on rainy days to clean up the building and to clean up alleys and streets when possible.

T. C. Burnette reported that he had interested the TVA in furnishing trees to reforest the watershed. The board voted to allow C. J. Rich, high school agriculture head, to use the watershed for a forestry project, under the supervision of the TVA. After hearing a report that the chlorine house at the watershed was not warm enough for extreme weather, the council asked the clerk to examine the possibility of having it insulated.

The bills were paid and Mrs. W. Holcombe and Mr. Morgan were given permission to move the office back into the small room just west of the present room. The office space now occupied will be retained for civic meetings of all kinds.

By the use of maps T. C. Burnette showed the council members what steps would be necessary to increase the water pressure in the low pressure areas.

Clearwater Officials To Be Guests

Superintendents, other officials, and employees of United Rayon Mills and Clearwater Manufacturing Company of Old Fort, also Potter and Shackelford, construction engineers engaged in building the plants, will be guests of the Roxy Theater manager on Tuesday evening at 10:30 to see "Holiday in Mexico."

Lions Club Will Hear E. Z. Stines

The Lions club will hold their regular meeting tonight at the Monte Vista. Deputy District Governor E. Z. Stines of Asheville will be the speaker. He is past president of the Asheville club, past zone chairman of this zone, and is now doing an excellent job and is now deputy district governor for 31A.

MISSION STUDY GROUP WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

The Mission Study group of the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday, February 19 at 3 o'clock in the Fellowship room.

Montreat Seniors To Compete For Scholarship

At a recent class meeting of the senior class of the high school department of Montreat college three girls were honored by their fellow students when they were elected to compete with seniors from other high schools throughout the United States for 121 four-year college scholarships being offered this year by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship board.

These three students, Miss Bette Hanna of Charlestown, Indiana, Miss Elizabeth Lockridge of Lynchburg, Virginia, and Miss Elizabeth Womeldorf of Richmond, Virginia, will take a special aptitude test on Friday. After the test has been completed, the papers will be sent to the college entrance examination board for grading. Winners in this competition will receive tuition for four years at any accredited college plus a living allowance and traveling expenses.

Outstanding Seniors Named At Swannanoa

At a class meeting held in October, 3 seniors from Swannanoa High school were honored by their fellowstudents when they were elected to compete with seniors from other high schools throughout the United States and territories for the 121 four-year college scholarships and more than 600 fifty-dollar certificates of merit being offered again this year by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board.

Chosen from among 50 of their classmates as the students "most likely to make important contributions to human progress," these outstanding boys and girls will try with other N. C. high school seniors for the scholarships and certificates of merit which are set aside specifically for this state. They are Quentin Enloe, Lucius E. Carroll, Emma Ballard. Alternates are Barbara Martin, Frances Whitaker, Maurice Jones.

At 9:00 a. m. Friday, February 14, in Swannanoa High school, these candidates will take a special aptitude test which has been especially prepared for this competition by the College Entrance Examination Board, an independent testing board composed of representatives of America's largest colleges and universities.

Dr. E. K. Brake Will Open New Office Monday

Dr. E. K. Brake, who has been practicing in Dr. Marshburn's office, will open his new office Monday, February 17, on the second floor of the Jumper building at the corner of State and Church streets.

Graduate of Washington university, St. Louis, Dr. and Mrs. Brake have lived in Black Mountain since last October. He has starred for the American Legion team throughout the season.

With The Sick

Mrs. Paul Turner of Ridgecrest has been confined to her home with tonsillitis.

Ross Atkins has been ill the past week.

Clark Nanney was ill last weekend.

Charles Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris on Ridgecrest Road, has been ill with influenza.

David William Porter, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Porter of Grovemont, has been ill with an ear infection.

W. H. Smith of Swannanoa has been confined to his bed since Sunday, February 2, when he suffered a heart attack at his home.

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