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## Send The Case To The Supreme Court

The state legislature will soon have before it the very controversial Veterans' Bonus Bill which is to be introduced at an early session. Indications are that the halls of the Capital building will quiver and shake from top to bottom before the oratorical battle is over.

Under the provision of the bill each serviceman would be paid a set amount for each month of service during World War II. This is the same type of compensation that has been paid by many states since the end of the war.

The NEWS does not believe that the state legislature has the right to answer this ques-

tion, either in the negative or the affirmative, even if the funds were available.

The question, which has been smoldering with occasional flareups since the end of World War II, should be sent to the Supreme Court—the people of the State of North Carolina—for a definite decision. That is the democratic way and there is no other fair way to handle this problem which has caused state-wide debate and controversy during the last few years.

Let the people vote, let the majority rule. That is how the business of government should be run in a democracy.

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## American Legion Post Goes On Record Favoring State Bonus For Servicemen

Waycaster - McFee Post 129, American Legion, at the last regular meeting, went on record as favoring a bonus to be paid by the State of North Carolina.

The question arose when the adjutant read a letter from the Atkins-Chambers Post at Draper, N. C., which requested that the local post indicate whether or not a state bonus was favored.

After some discussion the members voted for the bonus 100 per cent. A letter telling of the action here was written and sent immediately by Commander John J. O'Connor. It follows:

"In reply to your circular letter received yesterday with reference to the Bonus Question, I should like to inform you that, at the regular meeting of the Post on Jan. 6 it was voted 100 per cent for a bonus."

Leaders in the fight for a state bonus have requested that the question be submitted to the

## Approximately 100 At Scouts Housewarming

Approximately 100 persons attended the Swannanoa Boy Scouts housewarming in the new club house situated in Grovemont Thursday, Jan. 8. The Rev. G. B. Talbot gave the welcoming prayer. The salute to the flag was led by John Faucette, Eagle Scout, and Larry Travette who led the scout oath. Dave McMahan gave a brief resume of the Swannanoa Troop 28 and Dr. William Faucette followed by speaking for Troop 45.

Advisor Herbert Martin was master of ceremonies and he touched upon welcoming the Cub Scouts of Swannanoa in their bright new scout uniforms.

He also told of "Totan Chop" the members of which know exactly how to handle an axe and a sheathed knife. This group was formed and founded by Scoutmaster John Palmer of the outstanding troop 2 of West Asheville which has been called the best Scout Troop of the entire Rhododendron Council.

Departing prayer was given by Chief Counselor W. M. Graham. Refreshments of soft drinks and cookies were passed around by the Scouts to the entire assembly, winding up a very pleasant and unique meeting in the new quarters.

## Church Groups Suggest Jan. 20 Day Of Prayer

Because of the importance of the inauguration day, and since the nation finds itself facing so many grave issues, the National Council of Churches, assembled in Denver in its recent biennial meeting, took action calling upon its constituent churches to observe January 20 as a Day of Prayer for the Nation.

In every community where there is both a Council of Church Women and a Council of Churches, a committee should be formed of representatives from both organizations, which will assume responsibility for the day, the report said. This committee should be formed promptly and called together at the earliest possible hour.

Many suggestions have been offered for the day. Request the pastors to keep the churches open for prayer during the entire day. Consider holding one united prayer service in some central church of the community at the most convenient hour during the day, or arrange for cottage prayer meeting. Request all pastors to remember in their pulpit prayers, the new leaders of the nation. Request some minister to prepare a prayer to be printed in the paper. There are many other things that the committee may want to do in observance of this important day. No formal program has yet been announced for Black Mountain.



Psychologists who must be smart these days . . . tell all about a man by just talking to him. I have been around some and I never could figure out what I was going to do from one day to the next, let alone figure out what somebody else has done, or will do.

## Junior Women Requested To Report Today

Mrs. Dorothy Burgess, chairman of the United Fund drive here has requested that solicitors turn in pledge cards and money immediately so that a final report can be made at the directors meeting Thursday (tonight). The drive is being sponsored here by the Junior Women's club.

At the Lions club meeting last week 20 Lions volunteered to take cards and help with the clean-up campaign. H. W. Sanders has requested that these cards and reports be left with Pappy Morrow at the Black Mountain Building and Loan office in time for the meeting tonight.

The Black Mountain quota is considered small, in view of the fact that the United organization returns to the community funds for operation of the recreation program and other activities.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR CIVIC ACTIVITIES

The Swannanoa community building, recently completed in Grovemont, is open now for activities of civic improvement, recreation, and entertainment.

Any person or group desiring to arrange for the use of the club house for such purposes are requested to phone Philip Clark at 6752 after 1:00 p. m.

The average estimated per acre yield for flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina in 1952 was 1,225 pounds, compared with 1,325 pounds in 1951.

## More About—O.E.S. Visitors

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Copeland, Mrs. Jeter Riddle and Mrs. E. V. Gouge. The hall was decorated with mountain greenery and potted azaleas. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

## FILM TO BE SHOWN AT FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday evening, Jan. 18, at 7:15 o'clock, the film "Unto The Harvest" will be shown at Friendship church. This is an excellent picture and the pastor urges that all members see it.

The public will be cordially welcomed.

## Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cook announce the birth of a son at St. Joseph's hospital on Jan. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Uzell announce the birth of a daughter Jan. 12 at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Stephenson announce the birth of a son, Jerry Wayne, Jan. 10 at St. Joseph's hospital.

—January "plentiful foods" includes pork, turkeys, dairy products, tangerines, oranges, grapefruit, raisins, dried figs, almonds, fiberts, walnuts and pecans.

—The total flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina in 1952 is estimated at 964,320,000 pounds, the third largest crop on record.

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## More About—Reflections

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That may be true. But on the other hand he may have become so dynamic that the members of the congregation find it impossible to even nod during service.

Which proves once again that "whatever you do you'll always regret it."

A. W. McDougle, grammar school principal, doesn't remember the speech he made before the Woman's club back in 1934.

Which reminds me, after the paper was out last week with the story taken from the Advocate of 18 years ago one Black Mountain woman was worried. "When on earth did Mr. McDougle make that speech?" she asked, "I thought I'd been to every meeting and I haven't heard him or if I did I certainly must have been asleep."

It was suggested that she read the story all the way through before becoming too upset. She did and sounded relieved to find that the meeting was back in 1934. "I thought maybe I was slipping" she said, "if I didn't even remember an important meeting like that. Next time put that line about the story being from another paper at the first of the story and you won't have me so worried."

There must be several people around town with a guilty conscience. Two women have admitted hitting fire plugs. Strange thing I didn't know about either one and didn't have them in mind at all when I asked last week who the woman was that hit the fire plug.

When advised of this one reported: "Well, I do live in Black Mountain, I do have a dent in my car, I did hit the fire plug, and I'm popular." She said the last for a joke, but everything she said is true.

## ROCK CHURCH AUXILIARY WILL HAVE BAKE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rock church will hold a bake and rummage sale Saturday, Jan. 17, at 125 Cherry street.

The sale will start at 9 o'clock.

opposed and three are undecided. From these figures, the conclusion is that the backers of the bonus will receive much more support in the 1953 Legislature than they did when the question was introduced in 1951. During the last session of the Legislature both houses were very much opposed to a bonus referendum. And while the chances for passage are much better this year, the Associated Press compilation indicates that the question is still very much up in the air.

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