

OPEN LETTER TO TAXPAYERS— From Page 1

That means more local taxes to heap on the shoulder of the local taxpayer. Without any corresponding decrease of federal taxes—you can be assured of that.

Fire-Fighting Rules Given by Chief Allen At Civilian Defense Workshop

Seeing this area as "probably not an evacuation area, but rather a receiving area in the event of atomic attack", Business and Professional Women's club sponsors of a twice-a-week "Civilian Defense Workshop" now going on at City hall, last week presented Fire Chief Lawton Allen in a discussion of fire-prevention and fire-fighting methods suitable for use under normal conditions.

Although, Chief Allen reminded, he has been in fire-fighting work for 15 years, "I never go to fight a fire but I am under tension— for fire is an unpredictable, rapid-moving thing. Yet the majority of fires result from carelessness and could be prevented. Ten thousand lives were claimed by fire in this country last year, and most of these could have been prevented," he said.

ANSWERS TO LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' QUERIES ON N. C. SCHOOL SYSTEM

- (Questions Appear on Page One)
1. False. It is from the North Carolina constitution.
2. True.
3. True.
4. False. The chief source is income tax.
5. True.
6. True.
7. True. N. C. has 8500 school buses.
8. False. The county must purchase new buses as needed; the state only replaces worn out vehicles.
9. True.
10. True.
11. False. They are nominated in the May primary. Names of the nominees do not, however, appear on the ballot for the General Election but are submitted to the forthcoming N. C. General Assembly by whom they are named.
12. False.
13. False. The city submits a proposed budget; but the levy is made by County Commissioners.
14. True.
15. True.
16. False; these are selected by a State Textbook Commission.
17. True.
18. True.
19. True.
20. False. Gerald Cowan of Asheville, is a member of the State Board of Education.

LETTER TO GO-GETTERS

Mr. W. W. Earley Black Mountain, N. C. Dear Mr. Earley: I am writing to you from Washington, D. C., in the interest of saving veterans benefits. The National Rehabilitation Conference of the American Legion is in progress here this week and the threat to veterans benefits is very evident. According to all information President Eisenhower will propose to:

80 Are Served At Presbyterian Circle Supper

The women in Circle 2 were hostesses to a "Father-Daughter Supper" at the Presbyterian church on March 11. Mr. Dan Espey, president of the Men of the Church, and Lynn Crawley, treasurer, reported that 84 men attended, each accompanied by his daughter or one or more girls from the Mountain orphanage.

BAPTISTS TO SPONSOR ANNUAL STUDY COURSE

An invitation to take part in the study course of the 6th annual Swannanoa Valley training school opening next Monday, March 24, to run through March 28 at the First Baptist church, Black Mountain, is extended to all churches and all age levels, from nursery to adults.

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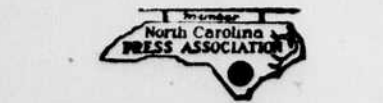
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FOLK DANCE GROUP AT ASHEVILLE Y.W.C.A.

The Asheville Y.W.C.A. announces that on Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m. the Berea College Country dancers, under direction of Frank Smith, will be in town to give a performance.

Mr. Smith, who is associated with Berea college, is vice-president of the Country Dance Society of America for the Southern area, Director of the Christmas Country Dance School, and chairman of the Mountain Folk Festival held annually at Berea. He will be instructor of a folk dance class beginning at the "Y" in April.

There will be only a slight fee for the afternoon entertainment which will be held in the "Y" gymnasium. Everyone is invited to come, and all youth leaders are encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

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Isaiah 40:28 and Colossians 1:17 were the twin texts from which Pastor Perry brought a good Sunday morning message on "God's Priority." Special music was furnished by a boy's quartet composed of Stanley and Tony Moore, Eugene Smith, and David Synpes.

A continued study about the Holy Spirit filled the evening worship hour. A delightful day of study and fellowship was spent on Monday in the pastorage, with Mrs. C. M. Perry and Mrs. G. C. Chapin as hostesses. Mrs. W. M. Howell of Black Mountain, was teacher of the book, "A Practical Primer on Prayer," by Haskins, a study proving both practical and inspirational.

The class included the following: Mesdames E. E. Brown, P. M. Burnett, G. C. Chapin, S. C. Gill, Mamie Gough, E. F. Hardin, Charles Jolley, B. S. Meeks, W. M. Pate, C. M. Perry, W. K. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truedell, and Misses Olive Lawton, Grace Meeks, and Edith Van Ruler. A covered-dish luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour, at which time the group was joined by Ed Brown and Pastor Perry.

Mrs. George Alford returned to her home after a pleasant winter spent in St. Petersburg, Fla., with her daughter, Mrs. Norman Allen and family. Her stay was all the happier because her son, Nick Alford, and her elder daughter, Mrs. W. K. Weeks, also live in that city.

The American Legion will fight these proposed cuts just as it has fought for 39 years to make these benefits available to veterans. You can help.

The only answer is a large and vigorous membership. There is power in numbers. I am asking you to secure at least three more members for 1958 to aid in this fight to hold the line on veterans' benefits. I know of your past fine work for the American Legion and know I can count on you.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely, Dud Robbins, Department Commander, The American Legion of N. C.

Miss Doris Synpes was hostess to the Young Woman's auxiliary on Saturday evening, March 8, when she served as president of the organization, led in a program entitled, "Open Door of Faith," assisted by Mrs. James McMahan, Mrs. James Allison, and Mrs. John May. At the close of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Corrie Hardin of Darlington, S. C., is visiting in the home of her brother, Rev. E. F. Hardin. Mr. Willard Weeks conducted the Monday morning devotion at Northwestern bank of Black Mountain.

Miss Ann Carr Perry was one of Owen High school's representatives at the Beta club convention in Raleigh during the week-end. A fine organization not mentioned in this column for quite a while is that of Royal Ambassadors. One of the boys said, "Well, we're not doing anything big, but we still meet every week and work on our ranking system." Pastor Perry meets with Intermediate R. A.'s on Wednesday afternoon and average attendance is 7 or 8. The junior group meets Friday at the

OLD FORT NEWS MARY ADAMS OLD FORT

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ACCUMULATED NOTES: After an absence of several weeks (which we hope our readers missed) this column is back on the job. Quite a few events have taken place which our away-from-home readers may not know about, so we will review as many as possible.

Going back to the "big freeze" when we were so unexpectedly snowed with a 9 inch snow, the Old Fort Fire department boys were glad to tell one and all that they did not have a single alarm that entire week. If they had, they could as well have accomplished much as all the fire hydrants were frozen, and the nearby rivers were covered with ice strong enough to skate on. The weather which was recorded at 9 degrees below the zero mark played havoc with automobiles and plumbing, especially. Strange to say, too, several days just towing cars around the streets to get them started. At some of the houses in Old Fort, pipes simply broke in two and fell to the ground. Canned goods in homes froze and burst on the shelves. Cases of soft drinks and other bottled goods actually exploded in some of the stores where they had been stored in unheated rooms.

ERIC STRAEHLA IS HOST ON BIRTHDAY Eric Straehla celebrated his third birthday anniversary at his home, 110 Oakland drive, Saturday afternoon, Mar. 15, when his mother, Mrs. Ned Straehla, entertained with a party in his honor.

A color scheme of yellow and turquoise was carried throughout the party. Balloons were used in the decorations. Horns were given as favors. The large birthday cake was topped with a design of cowboys and horses in a corral. Ice cream and cake were served to the following: Wesley Pence, John Martin, Jimmy and Jerry Stephenson, Sandra, Terry and Beverly Buckner, Rick and Steve Hornaday, Lauren Kica, Rhonda, Rebecca and Reisa Singleton, Keith Straehla, Mrs. Fred Pence, Mrs. Taylor Martin, Mrs. Everette Stephenson, Mrs. Tommy Hornaday, Mrs. George Kica, Mrs. Ralph Singleton and Eric's aunt, Miss Deanna Belcher.

There will be a Spring Festival at the Black Mountain clubhouse Saturday, March 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Junior Home and Civic club is sponsoring this evening of games for both young and old. Admission will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. Members will also have a bake sale in addition to the games. The committee in charge suggests that you let them do your week-end baking.

Spring Festival Slated March 29

Local property owners were reminded this week that the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau on Feb. 15 made certain changes in rates applying to unprotected and farm properties. It was suggested that policies be checked to see that policies are correctly written and proper rates charged since the insured could otherwise incur a 25 per cent penalty in the event of loss by fire. A check with owners' insurance agent was suggested.



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