OPEN LETTER TO TAXPAYERS-From Page 1

taxpayer. Without any corresponding decrease of federal taxes-you can be assured of that.

The war veteran in this needs bracket would also not fare well. In a wealthy state he might get a fair break. In others, his plight would indeed be tragic. There would be no uniformity of standards of care.

already is a part of the present tax burden. It is a part that can cussion of fire-prevention and fire-fighting methods suitable never be eliminated so long as we are a decent society in which we for use under normal conditions. let no one starve to death or die without medical aid.

handling the care of the indigent war veteran. The VA Hospitals are there. The medical staffs are there.

City governments, county governments and state governments do not have the facilities or the medical manpower to take over this care WITHOUT DRASTIC INCREASES IN LOCAL TAXES!

What is little known is that the high cost of medical care today is pauperizing veterans to the point where they can no longer pay for their care. The American Legion can cite case after case in VA hospital after VA hospital where men-and women-hospitalized for non-service-connected disabilities, have exhausted all their own ed," he said. financial resources. When their last penny is gone, it is usually their doctor who directs them to the nearest VA hospital for public care!

A recent American Legion survey of 8,572 VA patients showed they had spent \$3,952,080.05 for their own care before going to the VA. Those who print and make attacks on this principle of non-ser-

vice-connected hospitalization never tell the whole story! Perhaps they do not even realize that every blast they foment is a plug to raise local taxes!

Mr. Taxpayer do not be misled! Think this through to realize how all this propaganda can COST you! Then insist on letting wellenough alone

program

KARL A. MUSCHETTE, Member of Department Rehabilitation Committee, The American Legion.

threat to veterans benefits is very

ANSWERS TO LEAGUE OF LETTER TO GO-GETTERS WOMEN VOTERS' QUERIES ON N. C. SCHOOL SYSTEM Mr. W. W. Earley Black Mountain, N. C. (Questions Appear on Page One) Dear Mr. Earley: 1 False. It is from the North I am writing to you from Wash-Carolina constitution. ington, D. C., in the interest of 2. True. saving veterans benefits. The

3. True. The chief source is National Rehabilitation Confer-4. False.

- income tax.
- 5. True. 6. True.

7. True. N. C. has 8500 school

buses

8. False. The county must pur- propose to: chase new buses as needed; the state only replaces worn out vetations. hicles.

9. True.

10. True.

11. False. They are nominated fits from them. in the May primary. Names of the nominees do not, however, appear on the ballot for the General Elec- tlements of future claims to vet-

- 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 the 10-20-30% brackets. a State Textbook Commission.

- 17. True.

80 Are Served At Presbyterian

4-Black Mountain (NC) NEWS- Thursday, March 20, 1958 Fire-Fighting Rules Given by Chief That means more local taxes to heap on the shoulder of the local Allen Af 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 twicea-week "Civilian Defense Workshop" now going on at City The humanitarian cost of taking care of the indigent taxpayer hall, last week presented Fire Chief Lawton Allen in a dis-

Only in the Federal government today are there the facilities for dling the care of the indigent war veteran. The VA Hospitals are re. The medical staffs are there.

fire but I am under tension- wiring is sufficient for your needs for fire is an unpredictable, rapid- and is carefully checked, as are moving thing. Yet the majority plugs and cords in need of repair. because of fumes. He reminded

fore it begins include the follow- feeding of the fire by draughts; which was recorded at 9 degrees intensified the suffering of a num-Some of the simple, everyday that in the event of fire, doors places clean (such as attics and to enter a burning building that basements); throw away or dis- precautions should include crawl-pose of all things you don't use; ing low on the floor where the see that stoves and flues are smoke will not be so heavy, and cleaned; get acquainted with the also the use of wet towel over outside cut-off for your oil stove; nose and mouth.

in the event of fire, call the fire Pamphlets were distributed predepartment the first thing; keep senting fire-fighting methods in a garden hose in good condition peace-time and also for additional firetruck water supply in its 300- precautions and fighting methods in the event of attack. gallon booster tank; have your

household equipment include a The fourth and fifth sessions ladder long enough to reach the in this "Civilian Defense" series soda is a good extinguisher (par- night and Tuesday, Mar. 25, at er we had in January and Febru- Mr. and Mrs. Tamp Fortune on ticularly for fires caused by grease 7:30 p.m. at City hall. Mrs. Laure roof: remember that plain kitchen were scheduled for last Tuesday ticularly for fires caused by grease 7:30 p.m. at City hall. Mrs. Laura ary, the ground has not dried out Sand Branch last Sunday. or oil on which water cannot be O'Connor, B & PW state chairman enough for spring plowing. In- Lary Stroude of the U. S. Air or oil on which water cannot be O'Connor, B & PW state chairman enough for spring plowing. In-

used); keep matches out of reach of national defense, will preside. church with Stanley Moore as counselor and Eugene Smith, as-counselor and Eugene Smith, as sistant.

> was the week-end guest of Misses Grace and Mamie Meeks. Rev. Charles Jollay was guest minister on Sunday morning in

Oakley. Baptist church, Asheville. En route to Bristol, Tenn., Dr. ser.

6. Discontinue compensation to 1,500,000 war-disabled veterans in the book, "A Practical Primer on er. Eric Straehla celebrated his



Subscription Representative

ACCUMULATED NOTES: Af- Methodist Sunday school, and lifean absence of several weeks long resident of this place. Roger's which we hope our readers missed quiet voice and ready smile are

) this column is back on the missed gulet voice and ready smile are) Quite a few events have tak. Mrs. Mary Ragle, widow of the place which our away-from- late H A Ragle, also died recent-ne readers may not know shout the She had been ill for comso we will review as many as pos- months. are and aris, mage marked bered their acquaintances from all form all form back to the "big freeze" sections of the U.S. since they

when we were so unexpectedly were for many years proprietors covered with a 9 inch snow, the of Point Lookout, scenic stand and cold East New densers, the of Point Lookout, it lice and and Fort Fire department boys restaurant, on old Highway and could be prevented. Ten thou-sand lives were claimed by fire type of extinguisher, not the Py-in this country last year, and most rene or carbontetrachloride type, of these could have been prevent-which he describes as dangerous they could not have a single alarm they could not have accomplished out. Children and grown folks, much, as all the fire hydrants as well, loved to see Sally stand were frozen, and the nearby riv- on her hind legs and guzzle a bot-

ers were covered with ice strong the of soda pop. enough to skate on. The weather The hard winter seems to have below the zero mark played havoc ber of our people who have been with automobiles and plumbing, ill. Charles Stirewalt is at home automobiles and plumbing, ill. especially. Strange to say, too, after having spent two months it newer cars fared worse than the hospital at Swannanoa where the old jalopies. Garages spent he underwent major surgery. He several days just towing cars is recovering satisfactorily.

(To be continued)

By Mrs. M. M. Elliott

around the streets to get them At some of the houses in Old Fort, pipes simply broke in two and fell to the ground. started. anned goods in homes froze and

burst on the shelves. Cases of soft drinks and other bottled goods actually exploded in some the stores where they had been stored in unheated rooms. Fresh their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hig-vegetables froze solid. gins Ledbetter and her sons, Jack vegetables froze solid.

both amateur and professional Kenneth Elliott, college students, photographers with a beautiful spent a few days' vacation with subject for color experimentation. their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hig-Night Policeman "Ted" Carver has gins Ledbetter, on Broad River clipping from the San Diego and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elliott, on Union, daily paper from Califor-upper Cedar Creek, last week, nia, that has a large picture of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Furniss the ice cone on it, showing chil- and little daughter of Haw Creek dren climbing the big berg. The visited Mrs. Furniss' parents, Mr caption states that the unusually and Mrs. C. L. Ledbetter recently. cold weather at Old Fort, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelon and produced the volcanic-looking ice children, George, Irene and Pat mound around the base of the gey- of North Fork, visited us last ser. The paper was forwarded to Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Carver by his daughter, Mary Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ownbey Frances, who is Mrs. Kermit Sil- and children, Phyllis, Frieda and and lives in San Diego with Sandra of Black Mountain, visited her husband and children. Clarence's father, R. G. Ownbey, During the month of February, and Clarence's sisters and aunt.

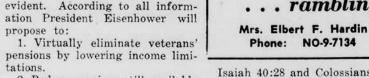
our citizens were shocked by the Misses Alice and Edna Ownbey, sudden death of Roger Kanipe, and Mrs. Savannah Floyd, in this superintendent of the Old Fort community last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Daniels of Knoxville, Tenn., visited Mr. Dansister, Mrs. Bessie Elliott. who has been very sick with the flu last Sunday. Mrs. Elliott is

much better. There is a lot of sickness in this section, colds and flu. Rev. and day afternoon, Mar. 15, when his Mrs. Cecil Smith are sick with the mother, Mrs. Ned Straehla, en- flu, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elliott tertained with a party in his hon- were very sick with colds They are getting better. week.

James Hall of this section, who A color scheme of yellow and turquoise was carried throughout was a patient in an Asheville hospital recently, is much in





4. Make small lump sum setcoming N. C. General Assembly erans with war wounds not cur-

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rently severe. some VA tuberculosis hospitals.

has been active in distributing 18. True. 19. True. 20. False. Gerald Cowan of Asheville, is a member of the State Board of Education. 19. True. 20. False. Gerald Cowan of the message on veterans' disability State Board of Education. 19. True. 20. False. Gerald Cowan of the message on veterans' disability 19. True. 20. False. Gerald Cowan of 20. Fal

few weeks ago, the President pre-dicted a slash in veterans' bene-fits. His advisors have told him that these cuts are needed to help Park the sector of t

ence of the American Legion is in RIDGECREST progress here this week and the . . . ramblings

1. Virtually eliminate veterans' pensions by lowering income limi-

3. Scrap the veterans' housing Priority." Special music was fur- Pates. Mrs. Johnson is Mrs. rogram. nished by a boy's quartet com- Pate's niece.

Holy Spirit filled the evening wor- and Bill Echerd of Asheville. rently severe. 5. Reduce the number of avail-able veterans' hospital beds by 1758, resulting in the closing of Berry and Mrs. C. M. to their home here. Ship hour. After spending most of the win-ter in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sutherland came on Thursday 1758, resulting in the closing of the pastorium, with Mrs. C. M. to their home here. Deciding

Prayer," by Haskin, a study prov-

benefits would be sent to Congress dell, and Misses Olive Lawton, Delores and Lewis, Jr., went to

Miss Mary Paschal of Hickory,

Isaiah 40:28 and Colossians 1:17 and Mrs. William H. Johnson and 2. Reduce pensions still available were the twin texts from which little daughter, Leigh, of Augusby deducting social security bene- Pastor Perry brought a good Sun- ta, Ga., stopped for an over-night lay morning message on "God's visit on Saturday with the W. M.

posed of Stanley and Tony Moore, Eugene Smith, and David Snypes. guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A continued study about the Biddix were Miss Dottie Sharpe

Perry and Mrs. G. C. Chapin as spring hadn't yet come, they re-hostesses. Mrs. W. M. Howell of turned to Abbeville, S. C., next ERIC STRAEHLA IS

he 10-20-30% brackets. The Eisenhower administration has been active in distributing propaganda that his legislative Here administration Drawer," by Haskin, a study prov-ing both practical and inspira-tional. The class included the community curiosity. It seems a home, 110 Oakland drive, Satur-following: Mesdames E. E. Brown, railway maintenance crew of rath-day afternoon, Mar. 15, when his

benefits would be sent to Congress dell, and Misses Only Lawton, and with the other information we have, this means a severe cut in benefits. In his Oklahoma City speech a Snown and Pastor Perry. Why Congress dell, and Misses Only Lawton, Old Fort on Saturday evening to attend the house-warming party the decorations. Horns were used in the party. Balboons were used in the decorations. Horns were given attend the house-warming party the decorations. Horns were given and Mrs. Oscar Walker. It was was topped with a design of cow-ter warder are the Duridlet as the party of the party of the staturday. Mrs. Ruth Davis of Asheville, wisited her sister, Mrs. Hettie a delightful social event with boys and horses in a corral. Lee



Circle Supper

The women in Circle 2 were hostesses to a "Father-Daughter supper" at the Presbyterian church on March 11.

Dr. Dan Espey, president of the Men of the Church, and Lynn can help. Crawley, treasurer, reported that more girls from the Mountain or- you to secure at least three more phanage.

The women served about 80, fight to hold the line on veterans' Those who assisted from the cir- benefits. I know of your past non, Dinsmore Crawford, Albert and know I can count on you. Jern, Kenneth MacKenzie, John McMillan, W. W. Pharr, Lewis Poole, J. O. Williams, and Mrs. S. S. Cooley, the chairman.

BAPTISTS TO SPONSOR ANNUAL STUDY COURSE

An invitation to take part in AT ASHEVILLE Y.W.C.A. 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 Moun-

Directors of the sessions, to be many of the folk dances. held at 7:15 p.m., will be Mrs. Raymond Johnson and Albert of Black Mountain and Swannanoa.

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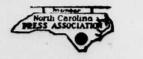
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that these cuts are needed to help Fla., with her daughter, that these cuts are needed to help Norman Allen and family.

Sincerely.

Department Commander,

Dud Robbins,

FOLK DANCE GROUP

The American Legion will fight er daughter, Mrs. Leroy Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley. these proposed cuts just as it has also live in that city. Added to Mr. W. M. Pate and his help fought for 39 years to make these enjoying these families was the have been slowed down during benefits available to veterans. You big item of sweet association with past wintry weeks but are bu benefits available to veterans. You big item of sweet association with past which you with a which wee Joyce Ann Allen, the young- replacing old pipes with a which we benefits available to veterans. You we Joyce Ann Allen, the young- replacing old pipes with a which we benefit we water system. Bright The only answer is a large and

34 men attended, each accompan- vigorous membership. There is ty, was a week-end guest of Mr. many strategic points where ied by his daughter or one or power in numbers. I am asking and Mrs. Willard Weeks. Joe Moore of Mars Hill college, ways Ridgecrest grows and im spent the week-end in the home of proves. It is a good place to live members for 1958 to aid in this his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y.

Moore. Those who assisted from the cir- benefits. I know of your past Rev. Elbert F. Hardin returned INSURANCE COMPANY cle were Mesdames Ralph Bren- fine work for the American Legion Monday from Whitmire, S. C., REPRESENTATIVES CITE where he was for a week engaged FEB. CHANGE IN RATES Thank you for your help. in evangelistic services in First Baptist church there, with the pas-tor, Rev. Charles Hood.

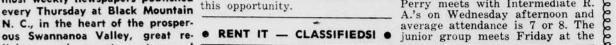
Friends will be sympathetically Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Saturday, March 29, beginning at interested in the fact that the Bureau on Feb. 15 made certain 7:30 p.m. The Junior Home and The American Legion of N. C. most seriously injured person in last week's atom bomb accident in Florence, S. C., was young Ella Davis, niece of our Miss Tillie Bultman.

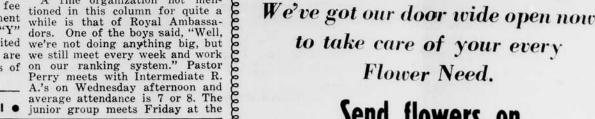
The Asheville Y.W.C.A. an- to the Young Woman's auxiliary charged since the insured could Members will also have a bake nounces that on Saturday, from on Saturday evening, March 8. 2 to 4 p.m. the Berea College Doris, who serves as president of Country dancers, under direction the organization, led in a program A check with owners' insurance you let them do your week-en tain, is extended to all churches to give a performance. There assisted by Mrs. James McMahan, and all age levels, from nursery will also be opportunity for all Mrs. James Allison, and Mrs. John and all age levels, from nursery will also be opportunity for all May. At the close of the meetpresent to learn and participate in ing, delicious refreshments were

served by the hostess. Miss Corrie Hardin of Darling-Mr. Smith, who is associated with Berea college, is vice-presi- ton, S. C., is visiting in the home Baptist churches in the districts dent of the Country Dance Society of her brother, Rev. E. F. Hardin Willard Weeks conducted of America for the Southern area, the Monday morning devotions at Director of the Christmas Country Northwestern bank of Black Moun-Dance School, and chairman of the tain Miss Ann Carr Perry was one

Mountain Folk Festival held annually at Berea. He will be in- of Owen High school's represen-structor of a folk dance class be-tatives at the Beta club convention Belaich during the work and ginning at the "Y" in April. in Raleigh during the week-end.

There will be only a slight fee tioned in this column for quite a for the afternoon entertainment while is that of Royal Ambassa-which will be held in the "Y" dors. One of the boys said, "Well, gymnasium. Everyone is invited we're not doing anything big, but One of Buncombe County's fore-most weekly newspapers published in couraged to avail themselves of on our ranking system." Pastor this opportunity. Perry meets with Intermediate R.







Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bradley and Her pay the cost of meeting the Rus-sian missile challenge. Norman Allen and family. Her all, and any star was all the happier because little son of Winston-Salem, were her son, Nick Allred, and her eld-week-end visitors in the home of Buckner, Rick and Steve Horniday, Lauren Kica, Rhonda, Re-

Straehla, Mrs. Fred Pence, Mrs. est granddaueghter. new water system. Bright Jim Emory of Furman universi- fire hydrants are appearing

were heretofore. In just

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was suggested that policies be old.

Taylor Martin, Mrs. Everette at Broad River church last Sun-Stephenson, Mrs. Tommy Horni-day, Mrs. George Kica, Mrs. Ralph by letter and for baptism.

Slated March 29

Spring Festival

Local property owners were re- There will be a Spring Festival

minded this week that the North at the Black Mountain clubhouse

Bureau on Feb. 15 made certain 7:30 p.m. The Junior Home and

changes in rates applying to un- Civic club is sponsoring this eve-

protected and farm properties. It ning of games for both young and

checked to see that policies are Admission will be 10 cents for

son, Sandra, Terry and Beverly and Mrs. Pressley Ownbey of this

Rev. Mr. Searcy, delivered an becca and Reisa Singleton, Keith inspiring message for us We attended preaching service

day, Mrs. George Kica, arts, Miss Singleton and Eric's aunt, Miss Deanna Belcher. Jessie Baker, who is well a saw here, as he has operated a saw mill in this section for several is very ill at his home in Old Fort.



NOW

Bargains In Good USED CARS WAS

otherwise incur a 25 per cent pen- sale in addition to the games. The	WAS	NUN
alty in the event of loss by fire. committee in charge suggests that A check with owners' insurance you let them do your week-end baking.	1957 Chevrolet Sport Coupe \$2095 ⁶ cylinder, Power Glide, radio, heater, dust pearl.	\$1995
	1956 Chevrolet Belair 4-dr. Sedan . \$1595	\$1395
	Fully equipped with automatic transmission. 1956 Chevrolet Belair 2-dr	\$1395
	⁸ cylinder, straight drive. 1954 Chevrolet 4-dr. Sedan 210 . \$895	\$745
We've got our door wide open now	1953 Chevrolet Belair 2-dr.with PG \$745	\$595
to take care of your every Flower Need.	1952 Chevrolet 200 2-dr	\$395
Send flowers on	1951 Chevrolet 5-pass. Coupe . \$395	\$295
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