

Kings Mountain Native President Of Virginia Education Association

(Ed. Note: The following story by Earl Locklear appeared in a recent edition of the Virginia Journal of Education.)

The Virginia Education Association is starting 1964—its second century of service—with a president who believes that service to humanity is the best work of life. He is T. C. McSwain, superintendent of public schools in Staunton.

For most of his life, Mr. McSwain has followed his philosophy of service, meeting the educational needs of young people. A native of North Carolina, he attended Lenoir Rhyne College under an athletic scholarship. There he earned athletic letters in football, basketball and baseball as a member of some of the many fine teams the Hickory, N. C. school has produced.

baseball for three years while teaching and coaching at Rockwell, N. C.

Following World War II, he chose Virginia and the beautiful Shenandoah Valley as the site to continue his career. For six years, he taught mathematics and history at Staunton's R. E. Lee High School and, in addition, coached three sports. During this period he acquired his master's degree from the University of Virginia.

Mr. McSwain's leadership abilities soon came to the attention of the man who was then superintendent of Staunton public schools, L. T. Shelburne. Mr. Shelburne chose him to open three new elementary schools as principal. These were Bessie Weller, 1952; Westside, 1956 and Northside, 1958. His experience as a principal, plus knowledge of sound financial management, made him a logical choice to be-

come assistant superintendent in Staunton when that position was created in 1959.

Two years later, Mr. McSwain was appointed superintendent when Mr. Shelburne retired.

Mr. McSwain has held many positions of leadership in Virginia education. He has served as vice president of District G for one year, president of District G for three years and was on the VEA's board of directors for three years. He was a member of the executive board in 1961 and again in 1963.

Despite his professional obligations, Mr. McSwain has given fully of his time to civic and church activities. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton, he is an elder, a member of the Christian Education committee and teaches a Sunday School class. For six years, he was a member of the Staunton Civic Club and is a past president of that organization. He is also a member of the Lions Club.

The years of World War II, between his departure from North Carolina and his arrival in Virginia, saw him further develop

his abilities as a leader. He enlisted in the Navy in 1952 under former heavy-weight boxer Gene Tunney's physical fitness program and served for four years. At present he is a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. For three years, he was commanding officer of the Naval Reserve unit at Fishersville.

The interest in sports that he carried with him to Lenoir Rhyne more than 25 years ago has stayed with the VEA's new president. Among his current favorites are fishing, hunting and golf.

"You name it," he says jokingly, "and I'm for it, mostly as a spectator. A handy man with tools, he recently participated in a "joint educational venture" with his son, Tommy, that led to the refinishing of the basement of their home into a recreation room.

Mr. McSwain is a family man. He is married to the former Isabelle Anderson. Their son, Tommy, is a senior at R. E. Lee High School while their daughter, Susan, is a sophomore there. Mrs. McSwain is a biology teacher in the same high school.

The educational life of both Mr. and Mrs. McSwain has left them with the conviction that both would be happy if their children chose careers in education.

Mr. McSwain believes that the VEA has the responsibility of helping up-grade teachers and teaching in Virginia and "that freedom and democracy can be preserved only through an educated citizenry... to accomplish this, we must have a qualified teacher in every classroom."

Fisher Finishes Pre-Flight School

PENSACOLA, FLA. (FHTNC) — Naval Aviation Cadet Charles G. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fisher, Jr. of Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C., graduated April 3 from Pre-Flight School at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

He studied aerodynamics, physics, mathematics, naval orientation, navigation, engineering, leadership, physical fitness and other subjects necessary to the training of a naval officer.

Pensacola, presently celebrating its Golden Anniversary, is also the site of the Naval School of Aviation Medicine.

Drew Pearson To Be Speaker

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — Drew Pearson will be a featured speaker at the 62nd annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants Association scheduled here May 17-19.

Pearson, author of the syndicated column Washington Merry-Go-Round and radio and television commentator and world traveler, will address the banquet session on May 16.

Registration at Hotel Robert E. Lee will be held from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, and from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. on Monday, May 18 in the mezzanine.

The convention is open to members and non-members of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Early arrivals will be feted to a Carolina Hootenanny Party from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. May 17 in the ballroom. Hosts will be the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters.

A general convention session will be opened at 9:30 a.m. May 18, with State Senator Irwin Belk of Charlotte and second vice president of NCMA, presiding.

Mrs. Winnie Belthius, president, North Carolina State Association of Breakfast Clubs, and John T. Church of Henderson, N. C. M.A. president, will bring greetings under a welcome by Mayor M. C. Benton of Winston-Salem.

Thompson Greenwood of Raleigh, executive vice president, NCMA, in charge of arrangements, said a program chocked full of activity has been arranged for Tar Heel merchants. Special events for ladies attending the convention have been planned.

The convention will wind up at noon Tuesday, May 19, to enable merchants having to travel a great distance to return to their homes at an early hour.

Non-Farm Jobs At Million Mark

RALEIGH, N. C. — Non-farm employment increased 6,000 in North Carolina during March, setting a new record for the month, the State Department of Labor reported today.

Labor Commissioner Frank Crane said the record March employment of 1,298,300 Tar Heels was 32,400 higher than the total for March, 1963.

Both factory jobs and non-manufacturing employment groups set new highs for the month, Commissioner Crane said. Factory employment totaling 539,800, although down 900 from February due to seasonal declines in tobacco stemmeries, was 10,700 higher than a year ago. Non-manufacturing jobs were up 6,900 from the February level and were 21,700 higher than in March, 1963.

Compared with February job levels, only stemmeries were down 2,500 in March, cigarette factories and pulp and paper-board mills 200 each, and transportation 800, Crane said.

All other industries reported job gains or stable employment conditions in March, Crane said. Thirteen groups reporting employment increases included retail trade, 3,300; construction 2,500; service industries 500; chemicals 500; furniture factories and finance, insurance and real estate, 400 each; food products and stone, clay and glass products, 300 each; textile mills 200; and printing, mining, wholesale trade, and communications and public utilities, 100 each.

Hourly earnings of the State's 539,800 factory workers showed no change during March, averaging \$1.74. A 0.3-hour increase in the factory workweek to 40.6 hours brought weekly earnings up 92 cents to an average of \$70.64.

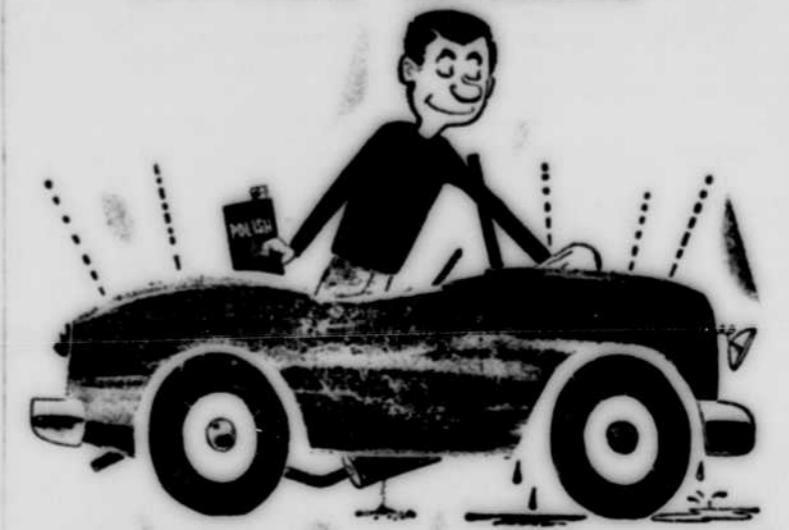
NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by Jonas Amzi McNeely and wife, Estelle McNeely, dated the 31st day of October, 1961 and now on record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Cleveland County in Book 590 at page 72, said deed of trust having been given to the undersigned as trustee to secure the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in the payment of same, and at the request of the holder of the note, I house door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, on Monday, May 18, 1964 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. or within legal hours the following described real estate:

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Charles C. Harris, Jr. of Rocky Mount, President of the professional agents' association, said member agents stand ready to aid in every way possible in this important effort.

"We feel this is a great step forward on the part of the in-

surance companies of the two neighboring states," Harris said. "Our Big I agents want to help in every possible way."

"We urge all of our older citizens to take advantage of this program and our agents stand ready to help them understand and obtain the coverage.

"If there are any questions in the minds of those seeking to be insured under this health program, we offer the services of our independent agents. Just contact an agent and he will be glad to help," Harris said.

David Baumgardner At Stuttgart Base

STUTTGART, GERMANY, (AH TNC) — Army Sgt. David C. Baumgardner, whose wife, Betty, lives at 100 W. Day St., Denison, Tex., is participating in Exercise SPRINGBOARD, a two-week command post training exercise with the Seventh U. S. Army at Stuttgart, Germany, ending April 30.

The exercise is designed to perfect standing operational procedures and evaluate communication procedures.

Sergeant Baumgardner, a radio team chief in the 16th Signal Battalion's Company C near Butzbach, entered the Army in January 1962 and arrived overseas the following August.

The sergeant attended Gastonia high school. His father, B. T. Baumgardner, lives at 5050 Midpines, Kings Mountain, N. C.

Reinhardt Visits In Sasebo, Japan

USS MIDWAY (FHTNC) — Coman E. Reinhardt, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Reinhardt of 524 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C., visited Sasebo, Japan April 19-29 aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway operating in the Far East as a unit of the Seventh Fleet.

The Seventh Fleet is the world's largest operating force and patrols over half the earth's surface. Midway's crewmembers have had an opportunity to visit ports in Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong.

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