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Speak Up For Schools, Abrams Says

"It's time again to speak up for our public schools," Dr. W. Amos Abrams of Raleigh told an educational rally at the Buncombe County unit, North Carolina Education Association, Tuesday night in the Biltmore High School auditorium.

Abrams, editor of the North Carolina Education, voice of the NCEA, addressed some 300 persons attending a rally to muster area-wide support for the school legislative program before the N. C. General Assembly.

A progressive legislative program has been prepared to meet the public school needs of today, Dr. Abrams said, and "if the General Assembly this year is unable to do anything for us, it will leave issues on which the next governor and legislators will be elected."

Proposed appropriations for public schools should be considered a long-range investment, in addition to a necessary expense, said Dr. Abrams, who was introduced by T. C. Bateman, superintendent of the Buncombe County Schools.

All persons need to be told about the need for the advancement of our public school system, he asserted.

John M. Reynolds, campaign chairman for the Citizens Committee for Better Schools, spoke in behalf of the proposed $2,500,000 bond issue and 15-cent property tax to be voted on June 23 for the city and county schools.

"We are depending on...p...people—principals, teachers and parents—to do the job of informing the public on the school bond vote. It must be done," Reynolds said.

Dr. Abrams spoke in opposition to the House Education subcommittee recommendation that beginning school teachers be required to take an examination to determine how well they are prepared for their jobs, and whether they would receive a 10 per cent salary supplement.

"Teachers do not agree that a price tag should be placed on the score made by any beginning teacher in North Carolina, and consider the principle unsound," the NCEA official said.

Earl Taylor, Owen High School teacher and president of the Buncombe County NCEA unit, presided and introduced guests, including city and county school officials.

Fish Market Ordinance Under Study

The Buncombe County Board of Health Tuesday received a recommendation that consideration be given to the adoption of an adequate ordinance governing the sanitation of fish markets in the city and county.

The recommendation was made by Dr. H. W. Stevens, board secretary, at the board's monthly business session in the Court House.

The proposed ordinance is expected to be ready for presentation to the board at the June session, Dr. Stevens said.

"Under present rules and regulations, fish markets in both the city and county are not covered adequately by law pertaining to public health standards," Dr. Stevens informed the board.

Copies of model fish ordinances will be obtained from the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill and health officials in Wilmington and Charlotte.

Dr. Stevens also informed the board that the state law on polio vaccinations requires that all children between the ages of two months and six years be immunized.

State law exempts children whose parents are bona fide members of a recognized religious organization whose teachings are contrary to this act, he said.

The annual food handlers school sponsored by the Buncombe County Health Department will be held June 9, 10 and 11, Dr. Stevens announced.

The April report for the animal shelter showed dogs impounded, 66; dogs returned to owners, 16, and new homes found for dogs, 106.

April activities for the dental clinic included: patients, 290; extractions, 204; fillings, 128; and upper denture, 1. Dr. D. W. Dudley, public health dentist, is now assisting in a series of pre-school clinics in the city and county.

Pre-School Clinic Set At Fairview

Fairview School will hold a pre-school clinic for students who expect to attend next fall on Monday at 9 a.m. Parents are asked to bring birth certificates and record of shots received.

HONORED FOR SERVICE at Memorial Mission Hospital in Tuesday were 34 employes representing an aggregate 285 years with the institution. Top employes in service were Herbert Moore (center), nursing service orderly with 30 years of service and Miss Otelia Galloway, R.N., night nurse in the emergency room, 25 years. Harmon Lee (left), president of the board of trustees, presented the pins. Third employe with exceptionally long-term service, absent for the picture, was Miss Mildred DeBruhl, R.N., night supervisor of nursing service, who has been with the hospital for 20 years.

Bill Calls For State To Share Cost Of Buying Voting Machines

RALEIGH — A bill requiring the state to pay half the cost of voting machines purchased by counties was introduced in the House Tuesday.

Sent forward by Rep. Marcellus Buchanan of Jackson, it also was signed by Rep. Ralph N. Strayhorn of Durham and L. S. High of Cumberland.

The measure came out of a special joint committee appointed by the presiding officers early in the session to ascertain the feasibility of the state's helping counties to buy voting machines. Senate members were J. E. Copeland of Hertford and Staton P. Williams of Stanly.

The bill would permit the purchase of voting machines of a type approved by the state board of elections, on an installment plan of 10 equal annual payments, with the county and state each paying half of each installment. The state's share would come from the contingency and emergency fund.

Voting machines could be purchased only after the county board of elections, with the approval of a majority of the county commissioners, agreed in writing to purchase the machines. They could be on the basis of one machine for each 300 electors or major fraction thereof in the precinct.

County elections boards could combine any number of voting precincts in order to take advantage of the proposed act.

The bill also provides for the state to participate on a 50-50 basis where one or more annual payments are due on voting machines which any county already has purchased.

House OKs 'Tomahawk' For U. S. 19

RALEIGH—A joint resolution to designate U.S. 19 from the Georgia line northward to Asheville as "Tomahawk Trail" passed the House Tuesday after being introduced by a group of legislators from the affected area.

Rep. C. R. Crawford of Swain sent up the resolution. It also carried the signatures of Reps. Coover of Cherokee, Lloyd of Graham, Buchanan of Jackson, Yates of Haywood and Greenwood, Jordan and Crawford of Buncombe.

Their resource proposed the name "Tomahawk Trail" as a tribute to the Indian culture of the area. The highway provides access to the Cherokee Indian Reservation and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The State Highway Dept. is directed in the resolution to erect appropriate markers with the new designation alongside the highway.

Senate Passes Second Reading Of School Bill

RALEIGH—The Senate passed on second reading Tuesday a bill permitting counties to set up capital improvement reserve funds for schools out of surpluses from local school administrative units.

Sen. J. G. Stikeleather Jr. of Buncombe explained the measure, which passed the House following its introduction by Rep. Gordon Greenwood of Buncombe and others. It went by the Senate on second reading without discussion or question, and will go on final reading Wednesday.

Local units could withdraw no more than the amount accumulating to their credit. Authority to establish the capital outlay reserve fund is given to county commissioners.

BISH . . . a smile for the world

He Lives In The Sun Of Warm Friendships

By GERRY KOONTZ

BEECH — A stranger entering this community's only grocery store might look to the right of the door, directly before the big sunny window, and see a well-worn chair.

It's always there, in the same place. It's obviously much used, from its partly-green painted mantle to its faded old plaid cushion.

All the home folks around know the owner.

That's Bish's chair.

The old chair is there for the special use of a fellow the children flock to like flies to a melted chocolate in the sunshine!

They sit on his lap, holding conversation whose value Bish clearly recognizes—for how he swaps the pennies he sometimes gives them for one of Pat's lollipops!

Bish helps the world go by from his spot-in-the-sun-swapping fishing yarns and telling what the tourists are up to this year.

At lunchtime, he'd leave his chair sometimes, and use his powerful arms in swing on his crutches down to Mother Rhea's for soup beans and corn bread and a big cup of hot coffee.

The crutches are on hand because Bish needs them to get around.

Long ago, Talmadge McKendree Penland "Bish" "Bishop" "Bish" was a strong, healthy little feller just beginning to take his first steps. Then a sudden illness struck the baby, and he's using crutches ever since.

Mrs. Chloe Rhea, his aunt says back in those days, they'd never heard of polio, so even the doctor didn't know what was wrong with the curly-headed little boy.

Bish got his name as a nickname for a nickname: his father used to call him "Bunky-head" for the mop of curls so thick on his crutcher, and it gradually worked down to "Bish!"

He's an independent man, and everybody knows he'd rather help other folks than be helped himself!

Until his health began to grow poor, Bish operated Beech's only store-shop there's not one now!

He visits brothers, sisters and nieces from the home he makes with his brother, Lawrence, and he's a familiar sight in downtown Asheville, where he has many friends. He'll stay longer in one place now, because he's not feeling as well as he used to.

But, as a friend once said of him, "You never see Bish that he hasn't got a smile on his face and something cheery to say!"

That's a compliment probably valued by the farthest-looking man who actually pushed the door Tuesday on 60 full years!

And Tuesday evening, about 56 of Bish's friends gathered at Mother Rhea's to give him a surprise birthday party. It was a concerted-dish supper, with Mrs. Hilda Cook and Mrs. Bertha Rutledge as hostesses.

Lee Edwards Site 'Most Suitable' For Industrial Training Center

Lee H. Edwards High School property has been found the "most suitable" of six sites inspected by a committee of the State Dept. of Public Instruction for location in Buncombe County of a proposed Industrial Education Center.

Findings of the inspection committee were announced Tuesday at the annual budget meeting of the County Board of Education in the Courthouse.

Of six sites visited and evaluated—Lee Edwards, two near Etoka and others at Enka, the new Asheville-Biltmore College and a tract adjoining Owen High School—the committee concluded that the Lee Edwards property appeared to be the "most suitable."

NO CHOICE MADE

However the study group, here on March 12, reported it had made no choice of a site which might be considered as the best. All of the proposed locations "have certain disadvantages," the committee report stated.

Asked to interpret the report, J. Gerald Cowan of Asheville, a member of the State Board of Education, stated that final determination of a site for the proposed training center would have to be made locally by the city and county boards of education.

Cowan said this decision would probably be deferred pending the outcome of the June 23 county-wide school bond vote.

Both the city and county boards of education have agreed that $300,000 of the proposed bond issue of $2,500,000 would be spent to construct the industrial unit.

Final decision on a site for the unit would be an unnecessary step until construction funds were assured, Cowan pointed out.

The proposed center would serve a number of Western North Carolina counties in addition to Buncombe and would be set up specially to train personnel to meet labor demands of mountain industrial interests.

CENTRALLY LOCATED

The site evaluation committee found that the Lee Edwards property was the most centrally located and easily reached of the sites inspected but stated that direct access is poor and will have to be developed.

"The topography is rough which may create some problems in planning at center (at Lee Edwards). Here, too, an unintended association may be acquired; that is, with Lee Edwards High School."

The two sites in the Etoka section which were considered by the committee were found to be remote from the center of population." The report stated that these locations afforded good access from Asheville and the southern and western parts of Buncombe County but provided poor access from the eastern part of the county until a projected extension of highway 19-23 from Asheville on the south is a reality.

The 30-acre site adjoining the Emma Elementary School property was also found to be remote and to have poor access. Topography of the Emma tract is "rough and sigh," but contains enough usable area for development, the report stated.

City traffic was cited as a potential problem in selection of Asheville-Biltmore College property for the center. "This committee understands the Asheville-Biltmore site would be leased by the board of education administering the center, but there is some question as to whether a fee simple title to the property can be had."

The inspection body reported that the 21-acre tract adjoining Owen High School was easily accessible from east Asheville and the eastern part of the county, but provided poor access from other areas. It was also noted that the Owen land was available only on the basis of a 99-year lease. State statutes require no school building can be erected by an education body unless the land is held in fee simple.)

The survey committee visited Buncombe County at the request of Supt. E. C. Funderburk of the Asheville City Schools and Supt. T. C. Bateman of the county schools.

Committeemen included A. Wade Martin, Marvin B. A. Johnson and J. P. Milam, all of the N. C. Dept. of Public Instruction.

Earlier this year, a similar committee from the Dept. of Public Instruction turned down Biltmore School as a site for the proposed center. The Biltmore site was declared unacceptable primarily because the school also houses elementary grades.

My Answer

By Billy Graham

I have asked the Saviour to make me His. But Satan still seems to be able to make me say and do things I ought not to do, as if he had the power to hypnotize me with evil thought.

D. I. P.

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You say you think you are hypnotized by Satan. Believe me, he can be hypnotized, one must yield himself and obey every command. You go on to say that you do things you ought not to do, and that seems to indicate that you have yielded yourself to the wrong master.

The Bible says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are"? I would say your problem stems from the fact that you haven't wholly yielded your heart to Christ. A divided heart can lead to a split personality, and nothing worse can happen to an individual. Paul said, "I die daily"—this is a daily battle! But Christ is the Victor if we allow Him.

Benner Is Grand Master Of State Masonic Group

John S. Benner of Washington, N. C., was elected grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina Masons here Tuesday.

Other officers of the Grand Council elected Tuesday were: James E. McDavid of Smithfield, deputy grand master; F. L. Whitehurst of Greenville, N. C., principal conductor of work; Maurice E. Walsh of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; Charles C. Bickett of Asheville, recorder; B. G. Lonergan of High Point, captain of the guard. Forrest H. Pecht of Raleigh, conductor of the council, was named Paul N. Martin of Waynesville grand captain of the host.

In other action, the Grand Council named John H. Parker of New Bern as recorder emeritus.

Tuesday's Grand Council election highlighted business sessions of Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies of North Carolina, currently holding their annual meeting here.

Dr. Thomas Eugene West, former Marion Baptist minister, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the York Rite bodies Tuesday night. A past commander of Coeur de Lion Century No. 3, he is pastor of Green Bantist Church at Black Mountain, and a member of the administrative faculty of the College of Music at Boston University's School of Fine and Applied Arts.

The four-day annual meeting will be concluded Wednesday with election and installation of officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

County Court April Revenue Is $8,074

General County Court revenue in April from fines and costs totaled $8,074.36, according to a report from the Board of County Commissioners.

Criminal actions disposed of totaled 455, and 366 new cases were begun during the month. 91 civil actions were finished, and 40 begun.

STATE YORK RITE MASONS . . . annual banquet held Tuesday night.

Love Ponder Is Indicted On Bribe Attempt Charge

The federal grand jury here returned a true bill of indictment Tuesday against Love Everett Ponder of the Leicester section on charges of attempting to bribe an officer of the West Buncombe Community Agriculture Stabilization Committee in a 1957 ASC election.

The bill charges that Ponder offered some $500 in cash and services to Bruce Tweed, chairman of the West Buncombe Committee, to use his influence in the election and in the casting of his vote.

The bribe attempt, the bill states, took place at a time Tweed was an officer and acting on behalf of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The indictment charges that Ponder met Tweed and his father, E. J. Tweed, and offered Tweed money if he would vote against the current County Agricultural Stabilization Committee in the county convention. It states further that Ponder called the elder Tweed aside and said he would pay Bruce Tweed $100 if he would vote against the members of the committee and get Mrs. Blanche Edmonds removed from the post of ASC office manager.

It is charged further in the bill that on Oct. 29, 1957, before the election was held, Ponder went to the home of E. J. Tweed and told Maggie Payne Tweed that if her son would visit his grandmother in Madison County and would not attend the convention Oct. 30, 1957, he would pay Bruce Tweed $200 in cash and have some $200 worth of work done by a bulldozer on Tweed's place.

During the civil session of the District Court here last summer, Judge Wilson Warlick, presiding in the current criminal term, dismissed a suit involving the 1957 election of the Buncombe County ASC officers. The suit had been transferred from Superior Court to the U. S. District Court.

The case originated in Superior Court when 13 farmers challenged the validity of a second election to choose ASC committeemen in the Leicester and Fairview sections. The farmers obtained from Superior Court Judge James C. Farthing a restraining order to bar the holding of the annual Buncombe County ASC county convention on Oct. 30.

The convention was held anyway and Judge Farthing issued a contempt of court decision. However, the case was transferred to Federal Court on motion of U. S. District Attorney James M. Raley Jr., and subsequently dismissed by Judge Warlick.

Following a two-hour trial, William C. Gentry of Buncombe County was sentenced to three years in prison Tuesday for filing false income tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service reported Gentry defrauded the government of some $2,000 by claiming dependents to whom he was not entitled and by other illegal deductions.

Gentry, a retired naval officer, asked for a few days to straighten out personal matters and the judge gave him until May 20 to report for his prison term. His original $1,000 bond was accepted to ensure his reporting next week.

Lewis William Shelley and Chesteen R. Roberts, both of Madison County, each received two-year sentences, suspended on three years probation and $150 fines. The men were convicted of throwing firecrackers into U. S. rural mailboxes.

7 Enter RCD Competition

Seven more communities have entered the 1959 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Contest, bringing the total through Tuesday to 34, Asheville Agricultural Development Council reported.

The newest arrivals, with the number of families and community organization president listed, are:

In Swain County — Grassy Branch, 27 families, P. H. Brendle, president. Henderson — Mountain Valley, 27, Judson Capps, Buncombe — Leicester, 71, Dr. John Kerr, McDowell — Montford Cove, 190, Lloyd Greason, Macon — Higbysville, 42, Sidney Clay, Rutherford — Walls Committeemen included A. Wade Martin, Marvin B. A. Johnson and J. P. Milam, all of the N. C. Dept. of Public Instruction.

Earlier this year, a similar committee from the Dept. of Public Instruction turned down Biltmore School as a site for the proposed center. The Biltmore site was declared unacceptable primarily because the school also houses elementary grades.

Sentenced for violation of federal liquor laws were the following:

Eldon P. Bishop, Henderson County, 18 months suspended on 30 months probation and $750 fine and taxes; Arlene McCall, Transylvania County, one year suspended on 30 months probation; Carson Biggerstaff, McDowell County, 15 months suspended on 30 months probation and $150 fine; Ossa Lee Norman Jr., 18 months suspended on 30 months probation and $375 fine; Willa Lee Letterman, McDowell County, a year and a day in federal prison; Horace Trantham, Madison County, nine months; Austin Marvin Pace, Polk County, two years; Joseph Russell Talley, Buncombe County, 18 months suspended on 30 months probation and $200 fine.

In other action:

Sharpe Motor Lines Inc., violation of Interstate Commerce Commission safety regulations, $500 fine, $1,500 fine suspended.

Youngblood Truck Lines Inc., violation of Interstate Commerce Commission safety regulations, $1,100 fine, $400 fine suspended.

William T. Pressley, Buncombe County, forgery, 15 months in federal prison.

Mary F. Arrington, Buncombe County, theft from the mails, two years suspended on three years probation.

Joe Mitchell, Buncombe County, was declared a fugitive after he failed to appear for trial on charges of violation of federal liquor laws.

Fred Neal Weaver, Buncombe County, court withdrew warrant charging violation of federal probation.

Brooky Measer, Madison County, acquitted of charge of violation of federal liquor laws.

Among true bills returned Tuesday on which defendants have not yet been tried were the following, charged with violating federal liquor laws:

Grady A. Beck, Fred Owens, Cody Bill Anderson, Tommy Brigham, William Ensley, Ralph M. Brown, John Collins, George Collins, Rex Biggerstaff, Tom Bynes, Robert B. Hensley, Thomas B. Hoyle, Walter Lee Suk, Donald Mosteller and Robert Stamey.

Other true bills returned by the grand jury included:

Ike Wilbur Hornbuckle, assault and possession of a switchblade knife on an Indian reservation; Marion Suttles, statutory rape on federal lands; Phillip Garland, damage to mailbox; Pauline L. Adams, Paul D. Stout, Dolly Wells, Berry S. Hazel, Leon Melvin McGowan, Hassell and Frank Wall, theft from the mails; Charles E. Maxwell and Benjamin B. Roberts, violation of Mann Act; Horace Lee Barnett Jr., Randy H. Barnwell and Sylvester B. Garren, taking stolen cattle across a state line; Robert F. Buckner and Lloyd D. Buckner, receiving items in interstate shipment; Dennis D. Wheeler, William H. Massey and Nora S. Massey, selling forest products from Dennis D. Wheeler and William H. Massey, cutting and removing timber from a U.S. forest.

Senatorial Committee Meeting Tuesday

The Democratic Senatorial Committee will meet in Asheville Tuesday, May 19, at 10 a.m. in the Battery Park Hotel, Chairman Thad Eure announced Wednesday.

Eure said the meeting will be called to order by Vice-Chairman Mrs. Ruth Current of Asheville.

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