BAILEY BUGLE, BAILEY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER, 1954

## Principal Reporting ---- M. W. WEAVER

We are in dire need of more competence. What is competence? Webster says that it is fitness; ability. Filling a job successfully requires the ability to do what the job demands. The person who is hired to dig ditches must have the ability to dig ditches if he is to keep his job. The corporation president must have abilities demanded by his job. The requirements of the two are far from the same but each man must produce.

## GRADES

In checking on grades for the first report period, I find that many of our students are not producing. Too many students do too little work, too late. By the time that you get your Bugle, the second month will almost be over. That will represent almost one fourth of the year. There is no better time than now to get to work.

## PASSING GRADE

We set up as passing in the high school a grade of 70. Some do not attain even this level. Had you thought that you ever would not hire a contractor with a grade of 70; that is for every 100 houses he builds, 30 falls down. Nor would you hire a bridge engineer who has 30 of each 100 bridges he builds fall down. It would not be very pleasant buying automobiles from a company with a grade of 70. Do you not see how impossible it would be to get along in the business and industrial world on a grade of 70? It would be fine for each of us to set

as our goal a grade much higher than 70. Many of us do. For those who have not set out to make 70, may I urge that you realize the importance of doing your best, that you be as competent as your abilities, your desires, and your determination will permit. BASKETBALL SEASON

Basketball season begins soon. May every player, every teacher, every student, every patron display the highest type of sportsmanship that is possible. For several reasons, we are asking that there be no smoking in the gym at games this year. Good luck to you members of the team. Play the best that you can. If that is good enough to win, fine; if it is not, do not alibi. Take your defeat like a man.

## JUDGES NAME CHEERLEADERS

Patty Thompson, Betty Stallings, Becky Lamm, Andrea Bissette, Faye Horris, Jane Burgess, Nancy Medlin, Sonja Lamm won out yesterday in the cheerleader contest.

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