

Principal Reporting - - - - M. W. Weaver

Our school has been selected to test one of the new experimental school busses. The new type bus is built along the lines of those used by the commercial lines. The engine is actually inside the bus, covered by a metal case. Small doors in this case permit the checking and adding of oil without having to raise the case. The steering wheel is forward in the bus allowing the driver to sit at the front where visibility is better.

SEATING CAPACITY

The bus body is so made that several more seats can be put on the same length chassis. The bus here seats 64 students. The regulations permit a 25 per cent overload. Therefore, the capacity of the new type bus is 80 children. The capacities of the other busses in Bailey vary from 45 for Bus No. 5 to 60 for all the others except the new bus, No. 136.

DESIGNING

This new type bus was designed by Mr. Earl Waters, Nash County Chief Mechanic. The body was built by the Hackney Body Plant of Wilson. Many people have already been to the County to see and to photograph it. Mr. Waters informs me that he will probably have to take the bus to Raleigh for inspection by the State Board of Education and some of the Legislative Committees. Douglas Brown is driver of the new bus and Thomas McKeel is his substitute. These two young men in addition to Hilton Lamm, who will prob-

ably drive it next year, were given special instructions by Mr. Waters before the bus was delivered here.

This new type bus is being used in the hope that it will require fewer busses; will help improve the safety record of our system, which is already excellent; will eliminate the necessity for many second trips; and will effect the general overall saving in the operation of the school bus fleet.

The Bailey District was chosen in order to give a route covering about all road conditions and to carry a maximum load. We are delighted with the results so far. By shifting routes, we have been able to eliminate second loads.

SUPERVISOR PRAISES LIBRARY

Mrs. Helen K. Taylor, Supervisor of Elementary Grades, made the remark to Principal Weaver that the Bailey Elementary Library had in it more books than anyother elementary library in Nash County.

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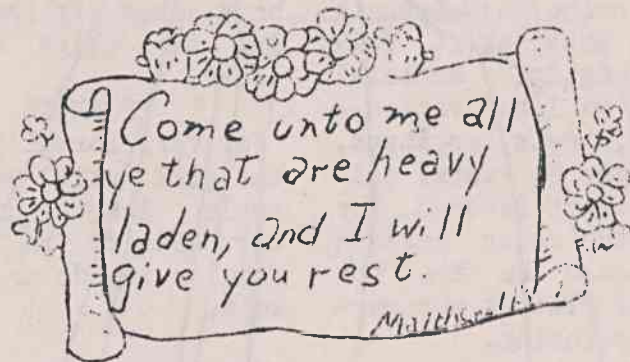
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