



Pictured above are the faculty advisers of the Echo Staff — From reader's left to right: Miss Olivia Waddell, Seventh Grade Teacher; Miss Young, First Grade Teacher; and Mrs. M. D. Turner, Teacher of English and French. Mrs. Alvise Jones, Librarian is also an adviser, but was absent.

Courses In Agriculture Meeting The Needs Of Youth In Chapel Hill

The Agriculture Department at Orange County Training School includes many types of activities, in its present program to encourage students in the free choice of their farming occupation and to help them learn sound bases of the farm.

Through supervised projects, classroom study and discussions, and the use of visual aids, the boys are taught the methods of raising crops and livestock with special emphasis on proper feeding of stock, controlling insects and diseases, management of the farm business, farm record-keeping, proper marketing, and other farm operations on a small seasonal basis.

Each boy at the beginning of the year is encouraged and helped to make plans for and to put into operation as soon as possible his project. It is through these different projects that the boy actually learns by doing, and gets real experience in farm operations and use of approved practices, recommended by the State and U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Through the farm shop, the boys learn the fundamentals of carpentry, painting, cold and hot metal, soldering, glazing, tool sharpening and repair, and care of farm machinery, all of which will enable them to make and repair the equipment necessary for the successful carrying to completion their supervised project work.

The local chapter of the New Farmers of America which is an organ-

ization for agricultural students, throughout the United States, strives, through its varied activities to promote scholarship, and to develop rural leaders. The chapter also encourages thrift and creates a love for country life.

The members of the N. F. A. take part in local, district, State, and National contests conducted each year, make yearly donations to the Colored Orphanage, Co-sponsor with the Home Economics Department and New Homemakers of America an annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter Party, and for the first time this year, they conducted an auction sale of re-finished and repaired furniture collected in the community and repaired in the shops. The money taken in from the sale is to be used in helping to finance other activities of the chapter. The members of the N. F. A. observance of National N. F. A. Day, presented a very impressive program in assembly on the life and work of Dr. Booker T. Washington and exhibited some of the activities and accomplishments of the local chapter.

The N. F. A. also helped the nursery school to solicit canned foods from people in the community.

The 8th grade boys in family living organized a thrift club in which each member paid a specified amount each week. The main purpose of the club is to build up a treasury so that by the time they are enrolled in Agriculture each member will have saved enough money to begin his supervised project work.

Through the Chapel Hill, Carboro

Merchants Association, Dr. Frank P. Graham, and Mr. J. W. Umstead, prizes will be awarded to the best students enrolled in agriculture classes. The students' workshop projects and daily recitations will be the factors to determine the winners.

LIBRARY STAFF HAS ENJOYED ITS WORK AT ORANGE COUNTY

The material things for the library of our school have been increased. The library staff has enjoyed its work in the library this year. We only hope to do the same work next year. We have worked hard to keep the library clean and pleasant for the students and faculty members. We wish to thank each of you for the cooperation you gave us. The members of the staff are as follows: Evelyn Purnette, Peggy Battle, Blanch Farrington, Dolores Hogan, Mary Louis Strand, Marion Jones, Alice Barnette, Goldie Atwater, Dorothy Farrington, Willie Edwards, Marion Jones, Carrie Cotton, Nancy Meyer, Lonnelle Jones, Robert Carver, Russell Watson, Isabel Carver and Alice Page.

By DELORES HOGAN and MARION JONES

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES HAVE HAD A HAPPY, BUSY YEAR

Hello Boys and Girls!!

The Fourth and Fifth B have had a happy, busy year. We kept a winter garden in our room. We planted lettuce, corn, wheat, and beets in the flower boxes. Joseph Nevilles made the boxes and we painted them. In some boxes the seeds were planted in fertile soil and in others, poor soil. From day to day we kept a record. This record showed the growth of our plants. We found that plants needed fertile soil, water, air and sunshine to grow. Now we know how to plant our own gardens at home. We are looking forward to a happy vacation and wish you a happy one too.

By IDA RUTH BREWER

Rhythm Band Has Brought About Better Appreciation Of Music

Although an epidemic of colds, flu, and various other communicable diseases interrupted our activities during the school year, we have accomplished much.

Our activities have been centered around home, health, and community life. We have studied how individuals fit into their homes, and communities. Health teaching and healthful living have been stressed everyday during the year.

The development of the Rhythm Band has brought about a better appreciation for music in all of its forms.

Grade 3

MRS. N. E. SNIPES, Teacher

Principal

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to be. (What about it, boys and girls?)

Mr. McDougle completed high school at Henderson Institute, Henderson, North Carolina. He was graduated from college at Knoxville College in Tennessee, and studied at Columbia University.

When a young fellow, Mr. McDougle was much interested in football and baseball. (I liked singing, too, but my try-outs never carried me far.) continued the flushed gentleman.

I rather liked my assignment of interviewing the principal, and wanted to keep on prying into his private life; but one has to remember that principals are very busy men; so I brought my query to an end.



The Picture above is that of Miss Ruth P. Pope, Vocational Home Economics teacher and Mr. R. D. Smith, Vocational Agriculture teacher.

HOME MANAGEMENT, HEALTH STRESSED IN HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Department of Orange County Training School is completing an unique vocational program. This is being achieved through the varied activities of the pupils, actual experiences in home-making and general occupational living.

The latter is made possible through integrating the course with the students' experiences in the occupational world.

With the activities of the home and the life of the family as a focusing point, students have had a chance to explore and experiences the following: every-day social relationships, caring for children, safe-guarding health, and caring for the sick in the families and the wounded in school accidents.

Too, the students studied their problems from both the individual point of view and the family point of view, in the management and use of family resources. But most important of all has been the pupils' experience in beautifying and arranging their homes according to the various income levels, and the occupations open to Negro girls.

As the school lunch room had to be removed from the home economics suite, the pupils had actual experience in planning and in helping to set up a school lunch room in the Craig building just below the school ground.

In this latter project, as everything from building shelves and painting woodwork and furniture had to be done, the boys in agriculture worked with the girls. The boys painted the tables and shelves, while the girls washed old paint and cleansed dishes and pot and pans. Too, both boys and girls experienced arrangement of equipment and storing supplies on pantry shelves for good appearance as well as for convenience in use.

In order to give a much larger number of girls experience in mass feeding, both the girls in the courses and the members of N. H. A. gave one week's service in the lunch room both semesters.

Menu planning was valuable part of the program; for in many cases food needed was scarce or prices very high and the matter of balancing the budget was a must part of the program.

With the lunch room removed from the home economics suite, the students had experience in redecorating the suite. They painted the three unit kitchens, purchased a new unit, and purchased an electric range for the high income group. For the combination dining-living room, they purchased a Chippendale sofa and chair and a drop-leaf table with Lyre-back chairs.

Hospitality was stressed and prac-

ticed in feeding and entertaining the visiting teams.

Another very important phase of the course was the study of child care. The field study was done in the H. M. Holmes Nursery School and with children in the various homes of the pupils. Clothing suitable for the pre-school child were modeled by each girl. Emphasis was placed on proper feeding and proper periods for rest and play. This unit closed with a big party for the nursery children.

Further, the girls have been hostesses at two special occasions, an "Open House Tea" to the Parent-Teacher Association and a bridal shower to their record teacher.

To teach the art of living to all the high school boys and girls, the department presented two programs in assembly — the first emphasizing etiquette in eating, proper action in public places, at home, and in school; the latter emphasizing fashions in review for all occasions, stressing what not to wear as well as what to wear.

O. C. T. C. CHORAL CLUB GETS NEW ROBES RECENTLY

The O. C. T. S. Choral Club got handsome, new, black, full-length robes just before their appearance in the all-school music festival presented to the public on Sunday afternoon, May 18, at four o'clock.

Appearing with the chorus in this music festival were the newly-formed band, the Rhythm Band of the primary children, the elementary choral group, and the N. F. A. Quartet.

This occasion was just one among several public appearances of the musical group this year. The public program began with an appearance before the Parent-Teacher Association in the month of November. Then the Christmas Vesper followed. The choral group has sung at two local churches — Saint Paul and Saint Joseph.

Too, Mr. H. E. Pickard, director, carried his group of forty singing youths to his home town, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where they rendered programs at two large churches, First Institutional Baptist Church and Waughdown Baptist Church.

The new robes were purchased by funds raised through the hard work of Mr. Pickard, assisted by the choir, the faculty, and the community.



Mr. H. E. Pickard, Director of Music