

JOHNSTON COUNTY

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM STARTED

Remarkable community interest has been shown in the adult education clinics which have been conducted at the Johnston County Training School during the current school year.

The clinic was recently organized by a group of teachers who felt that parents were interested in learning more about everyday problems of living.

This belief was strengthened after a questionnaire was sent to the parents who indicated their interest in organizing and holding some type of discussions of home and community problems.

Since the initial meeting several months ago bi-weekly discussions have been conducted on topics in which parents showed particular interest through check lists sent out by the teachers.

Subjects discussed so far have included "The Relationship of Family and Home Life to Democracy," "What's the Home Gues to the Child" and "How We Can Help the

Child Who Drops Out of School."

In discussion of the latter topic the parents decided that one of the major reasons for "drop-outs" was insufficient clothing. As a result a project has been organized through which parents send in clothing which may be used by other children.

The clothing group has received help and instruction in the renovation and making of clothing, embroidery, crocheting, and the recovering of chairs and other furniture.

At the last meeting of the health group pamphlets were distributed which gave instructions on the recognition and prevention of common diseases.

The meetings of the groups are held every two weeks and are of one and one-half hours duration, beginning at 7 p. m. All adults are invited to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 7 p. m.



LEARN HOW — Parents of the Johnston County Training School are shown watching a demonstration of chair covering which is one of the activities undertaken in the recently begun adult education clinic at the school.

Richard B. Harrison School Has Very Large Biological Collection

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SELMMA — Richard B. Harrison High School of Selma has a biological display that would be a credit to any high school in North Carolina. In six years the school's collection has grown from four jars of specimens to well over 100. The collection contains specimens of every poisonous snake known to the Old North State.

There is a rattler from Bertie County, a cotton mouth moccasin from Currituck county, a copperhead from Johnston County, and a coral snake. In the collection there are 25 jars containing snakes of different species. None of the snakes are alive. They are all preserved in a ten per cent solution of formaldehyde.

The skin of a rattler measuring five and a half feet long is mounted on a board. Principal M. L. Wilson brought this one from Currituck county.

The school principal tells an interesting story about the hog nose snake, which is on display in a jar. He is called the opossum of the reptile world and resorts to many tricks to fight his enemies. In some respects the snake looks very much like a rattler. He can flatten his head out and look like a poisonous cobra. He can bow and hiss like an African asp. If this doesn't frighten his enemies away, then he turns over and plays dead. The hog nose snake is completely harmless.

Other creatures on display in the biological collection is a turtle from Meadow township and two Bull frogs which claim Johnston County as their homes. There is a jar of giant sized shrimp from Southport. Two jars contain human appendix, just as they came from the patient after the operation.

Three teachers and the students of Richard B. Harrison High School helped to make the collection possible. Nothing was donated to the school. Several hospitals have given specimens to the school. The students developed several cocoonia moths right in the school room after starting with the caterpillar in a cocoon. The beautiful moths are mounted on cotton in a picture frame.

Jars with a human embryo in the collection contains three each one. One of the embryos is deformed. The eyes appear to be protruding from about the middle of the forehead. These embryos were donated to the local school by a hospital.

Science Teacher Miss Vieira Boyd teaches classes in the room containing the biological display. A major part of the display is in glass jars ranging in size from two ounces to a gallon.

Richard B. Harrison faculty presented two gifts last week, a wedding gift, two boudoir lamps, to Mrs. A. E. Watkins, who was born December 11, 1948; and a gift to Wendell Watson of Maxxaba gift, a silver set, for the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gadsden, who was born August 1, 1948.

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Gadsden are members of the faculty at Richard B. Harrison School.



THE WINNER — LUCILLE RAIFORD



THE LOSER — JONAH SMITH

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FACULTY NEWS

The Johnston County Parents and Teachers meeting Sunday, February 27, 1949, will be held at the Four Oaks School.

CLAYTON NEWS

Joyce Winston, Day Barber, Esther Clark and Garden Hinton along with Mrs. and Mrs. Thurman Ruth attended the "Drama Circle" held in Fayetteville at the Fayetteville State Teachers College Saturday, February 13. The interesting subjects that were discussed were enjoyed by everyone. The one-act play "And The Rains Came" presented by Dilford High School of Goldsboro.

The W. W. W. Club sponsored a Mother and Daughter night, February 2, for the purpose of discussing the picture "Moin and Dac." The mothers and daughters took active part in the discussion. Mrs. D. D. Spaulding was guest speaker, and her speech was very helpful and inspiring to both mother and daughter. We were splendidly served by our advisors.

COMMUNITY CLUB

The members of the community club celebrated their 4th anniversary Thursday, January 6. Mr. H. H. Jenkins, chairman of the Johnston County Library, was the guest speaker. His inspirational remarks gave the group food for thought.

He suggested we consider ourselves pioneers. Before you can achieve success you must have a vision. Once you have the vision then work toward it immediately. "We don't have a thousand years to live. Meaning to work now without stopping to accomplish your aim in life.

The officers for 1949 are as follows: president, Mrs. Hubert Gadsden; vice president, Mrs. Owe Jenkins; secretary, Mrs. Major Sanders; assistant secretary, Mrs. M. H. Hunter; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Watson; chaplain, Mrs. Alice Newkirk; chairman of program committee, Mrs. Jenkins; social committee, Mrs. S. Trotter; civic committee, Mrs. M. B. Rank; gym committee, Mrs. L. Hunter; membership committee, Mrs. N. H. Hines; building committee, Mrs. D. J. Hayes; and Mrs. V. Sanders. The Club hopes to have a successful year.

HISTORY WEEK IS MARKED BY PLAY

A one-act play, based on the life of Harriet Tubman, written by May Miller, was given before the student body in the auditorium of the Johnston County Training School Friday, February 11th, and was also presented before the members of the PTA, February 15th in observance of Negro History Week.

Harriet Tubman is a very well known woman because she helped to free the Negro slaves. The members of the cast were from junior class and the New Home-makers of America Club. They were as follows:

Harriet Tubman: Merrian White; Seneca, Denis Hines; Catherine, Mildred Raiford; Sandy, ...

Pencil Sketches of Negro Poets

Pencil sketches of some well known Negro poets were artistically displayed in the library of the Training School during Negro History Week.

The profiles were done as a result of the junior English class study of Negro poets.

The masterful works were prepared by Jonah Smith, an outstanding poet of the high school, and John W. Watkins, a basketball star on the school team.

The poets sketched were Langston Hughes, Margaret Walker, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Donald Jeffery Hayes, and George Douglass Johnson.

Of the two, Jonah Smith's work is the better. In fact, he has expressed a desire to pursue business or commercial art as his vocation, which John intends to make the field of instrumental music his life work.

JCTS Pupils Get New Slant On Word Usage

The eighth grade English class, under Mrs. B. H. Beasley, has been very busy with Verbs and Letter Writing in the past few weeks. We realized that both were very important and that they required a great deal of concern and conscientiousness.

Although we know that we have not mastered them, we do feel that we have become more aware of careless grammar made previously.

We had the privilege to select one of the following experiences from the given assignment:

1. Imagine that you are an important man and write a letter to your verb telling how your assignment is used.

2. Imagine that you are a bad directed letter which is sent to the draft-writer office. Tell your experiences.

3. Write to a character who lived much earlier, telling about changes made in present-day life.

The following letters are representative of the assignment:

Verb to be
Webster Encyclopedia
February, 1949

Dear Verb,
I received your most kind and loving letter yesterday afternoon. I was very glad to receive such an unexpected surprise.

You wouldn't have asked me to ever imagine, but asked how much. I know you are interested in some, but I don't know how much. I am amazed thousands of times each day by the amount of human energy. William Powell, Edith Jones, Tom, they will say "they" was a white overseer. Paul and I could go on repeating the same ways I

The students displayed superb dramatic ability under the expert instruction of Mrs. A. M. Fane, their U. S. History instructor.

BENTONVILLE NEWS

As one of its many community activities, a Bible discussion group was organized two years ago in Bentonville by John W. Williams. These discussions are held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the different members' homes throughout the community.

The discussions are usually two hours in length.

The only officers of the group are: John W. Williams, president; Mrs. Sudie Williams, secretary; and Edgar Altman, treasurer.

Other members of the discussion group are: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Tank Atkinson and Mrs. Sudie Williams.

A lot of spiritual comfort and joy is derived from these meetings, and more residents of the community are expected to become a part of the group.

POEM OF THE WEEK

CLASS WORK

Sometimes I sit and wonder
Why things don't work out so well,
You just got to buckle down and study,
And then learn how to spell.

I have eight books in which to study,
You just can't run to beat the band,
We have a lot of books, you know,
So try to get it, you understand?

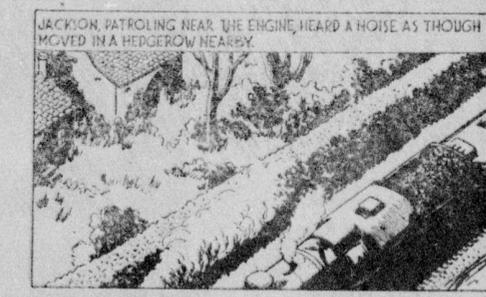
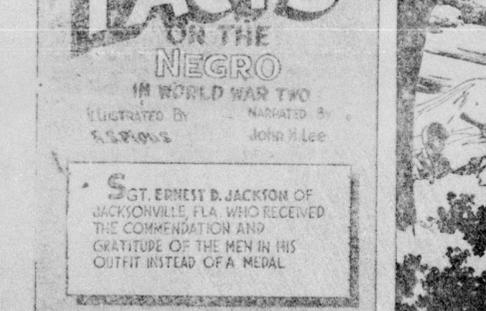
God gave us energy and eyes to see,
So do the things right and don't get bold,
Try to be as nice as can be,
Maybe some day you can make honor roll.

Lawrence D. Vinson

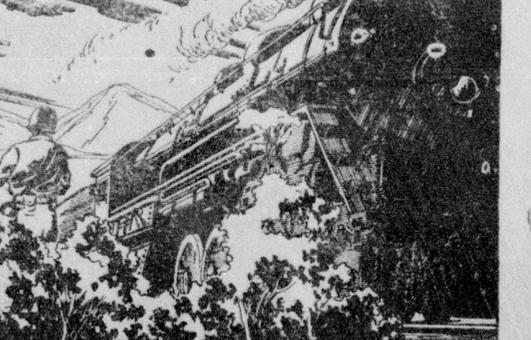
This is an original poem of Lawrence D. Vinson. He is a 15-year-old student of the 8A section of the Training School. In addition to writing poetry, Lawrence plays music. He is a first violin player in the school band.

I could go on naming all day,
The many conveniences that we have.

A friend,
Mary F. Norman



JACKSON AS SERGEANT-OF-THE-GUARD, DETAILED HIMSELF TO PROTECT A 1310th ENGINEER REGIMENT SUPPLY TRAIN WHEN IT STOPPED IN A SMALL FRENCH VILLAGE



JACKSON, PATROLLING NEAR THE ENGINE, HEARD A HOISE AS THOUGH SOMEONE HAD MOVED IN A HEDGEROW NEARBY.

HE HAULTED NOISELESSLY KNELT IN THE SHADOW OF A BOX CAR AND LISTENED INTENTLY.

THE MINUTES PASSED. SERGEANT JACKSON CONTINUED TO LISTEN THE BRAKEMAN CALLED "ALL ABOARD" AND JACKSON SAW TWO FORMS RISE FROM BEHIND THE HEDGEROW AND RUSH TOWARD THE TRAIN.

HE SPRANG UP QUICKLY AND LEVELLING HIS CARBINE SHOUTED, "HALT!" THE MEN STOOD MOTIONLESS.

JACKSON PLACED THE MEN UNDER ARREST WHEN HE DISCOVERED THEY WERE GERMANS.

THE GERMANS HAD INTENDED TO SABOTAGE THE TRAIN, THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO AUTHORITIES AT THE NORMANDY BASE SECTION IN CHERBOURG.