

**COLORED SCHOOL NEWS**

Before the Christmas holidays, Edenton High School was giving its facts about pupil progress and welfare as a part of its program.

The articles have been centered around the student council of the school. If you recall, our last article was about the functions of our student council.

Today, we wish to share with you, the answer to this important question. Why do we have a student council? The answer is this:

The purpose of the council is to give students practical training in such traits as group control and individual responsibility. The council is a laboratory for citizenship training and it provides a working model of government. In the council each student has a medium for expressing his own views concerning student life at the school.

On January 6, 7 and 8, the primary teachers and art teacher of the Edenton High School attended an interesting revealing art workshop at the White Oak School.

A variety of illuminating art experiences were demonstrated by Miss L. V. Nun, a graduate of Duke and Columbia Universities. Miss Nun has Master of Arts degrees in the field of education and art, so, along with the art experience the intergration of child development was conveyed vividly.

Some of the many demonstrations for improving child development were uses of many of our simple classroom art supplies through the media of finger paints, crayons, waxes and pressed chalk, water color, model clay, powder paints, paste and paper. These media were used in exciting ways to bring out the creative abilities in the child many art media which are more modern were used, such as freckle colors, dry paints used with a felt brush, chalk on wet paper as well as dry, amazant colors to be used on glass or cloth right from the tube for decorating purposes.

After completing the 15-hour study in the art workshop, certificates were awarded to the teachers of the Primary Departments of Edenton High School, White Oak School and St. John and Perquimans Training School, and Mrs. E. L. Byrd.

The Edenton Unit of the North Carolina Teachers Association met on Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock in the Edenton High School Library. Routine business was transacted and then reports from the committees that were formed from the suggestive years program reported. These committees are Public Relations, Research, Community Service, Social and Dramatic. The next regular meeting will be held the first Thursday in February.

Parents are encouraged to allow their boys to join the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts meet each Wednesday night at 7:00 o'clock in room 204 at the Edenton High School.

Mrs. Helen McDonald of Huntington, N. Y., was a visitor at Edenton High School Friday, January 9, and attended the regular chapel program. Mrs. McDonald is a 1949 graduate of the Edenton High School.

**Home Ec Teachers Meet In Hertford**

The home economics teachers in the Northeastern counties met Wednesday afternoon in Hertford with Mrs. Anne Nowell. The meeting was conducted by the chairman, Miss Carolyn Brinkley of Plymouth High School. Business was transacted and a very interesting and informative program was conducted on Housing.

All the home economics teachers in the district were present which included, Mrs. Helen Larabee, Central High School; Miss Elizabeth Chappell, Elizabeth City High School; Miss Lillian Joyner, Weeksville High School; Mrs. Dorothy Fennell, Moyock High School; Miss Doris Mitchell, Gatesville High; Miss Jennie Smith, Chowan High School; Mrs. Ruth Phelps Cresswell High School; Miss Carolyn Brinkley, Plymouth High School; Mrs. Helen King, Columbia High School; Mrs. Anne Nowell, Perquimans High School, and Miss Catherine Hill, Edenton High School.

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**Ornamentals**

BY MISS REBECCA COLWELL

Some fellow came by the other day and wanted to top my trees. (They wouldn't print my reply.) He said they were too open, the very thing I want so that sunlight can filter through to the grass. Most trees that have space to develop and receive full sun have a tendency to get too thick. Certainly they don't need pruning to make them more compact. Severe pruning on large trees, if it doesn't kill them, injures them for life. Those large limbs never heal and decay sets in. Not only that, but the leaf surface is greatly reduced by topping, thereby reducing the ability of the tree to make food. (All of the tree's

food is made in the leaves.) As if this weren't enough, topping trees ruins the natural shape of the tree.

If some of your trees and shrubs get broken by snow or ice, prune off the broken limbs and shape the plant as best you can. Don't worry too much, nature has a wonderful way of reshaping plants. Some plants will "bleed" profusely when broken or cut in late winter or early spring. There isn't any way to stop this bleeding and, too, it doesn't seem to hurt the plant too much. So, don't get excited.

Protect Plants from Cold—Protect those young tender plants like cape-jasmine, figs, camellias, etc., by shading from the sun while they are frozen. Place pine limbs or burlap around and over the plant, to protect it from cold wind and from the sun. Keep them covered until the plant and soil

thaws. Prune—"How can I keep these fast-growing ligustrum pruned so they won't cover my windows?" asked Mrs. Brown. "Prune them two feet below the ground," was my reply. Get them out and replace them with low-growing shrubs was the only sensible thing to do since the windows were only a few feet from the ground.

Low Plants—Here is a short list of low-growing evergreen shrubs. Perhaps the list should start with the well-known Japanese hollies. They are usually listed in the nursery catalog as Ilex crenata. Most nurseries carry several varieties including helleri, convexa, microphylla, rotundifolia and others. The first two, helleri and convexa, are low and spreading, the others, growing a little more upright, somewhat resemble boxwood. As a matter of fact, they are good substitu-

tutes for boxwood in those areas of the state where boxwoods are hard to grow.

One of the prettiest low (1 to 3 ft. high) plants is Danae racemosa. It's graceful, reed-like foliage and coral berries make it outstanding. It seems to do best in some shade. Another sprawling, low-growing evergreen is cotoaster. There are several low-growing varieties; a new variety called dammeri is especially good and seems to be free of blight. Then don't forget nandinas and the creeping gardenia (Gardenia radicans), low azaleas dwarf camellias, and Oregon Grape (Mahonia) for shady places.

The spreading euonymus is good in sun or shade, but unfortunately most of them are susceptible to scale insects. If you want something really low and spreading, try one of the slow-growing English ivies (Pittsburg,

Maple Queen, or Green Feather). Keep 'em growing.

**Edenton Teams Lose To Roanoke Rapids**

Both the boys' and girls basketball teams of Edenton High School were defeated Friday night by the Roanoke Rapids outfits. The boys were snowed under 69-43, while the girls lost by a count of 47-20.

Tom Topping paced the visitors, chalking up 35 points and stole the show for the evening. Al Owens and Fred Lassiter led the Aces with Owens scoring nine points and Lassiter eight.

For the girls Pat Cooper scored 31 points for the visitors. Sharon Lupton and Betsy Duncan each scored nine points for Edenton.



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