

Gerald James Speaks On Topic "The Changing Curriculum" At Edenton Woman's Club Meeting

"The Changing Curriculum" was the topic of an address by Principal Gerald D. James of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School to the Woman's Club at its October meeting last week.

The increased demands on the public high schools due to a higher standard of living and the requirements for the space age have placed increased emphasis on the curriculum, James told his audience, adding it appears the old curriculum used in early grammar schools has been patched up by adding a subject here and there until today the comprehensive high school offers instruction from the classics to driver education.

"By and large, the heart of the curriculum is essentially the same as it was 40 years ago and it is, therefore, easy to understand why the magazines of our country are flooding the homes with articles about the need for changes in teaching methods and subject content," James said. "Much is being written about the assistance needed from the federal government and also on the state level to bring about the needed changes in the curriculum with special emphasis on science, foreign language and mathematics. Yet, you and I know that the changes in the curriculum will come about through the cooperation of local groups working at the grass-roots level in the communities throughout the United States. In other words, the general cultural and educational background of the people influence greatly the type of courses offered the young people in their local high school. It is true that in some instances State requirements restrict the curriculum. But if local communities present a good case and are willing to experiment in their schools within the scope of sound educational philosophy, in nearly every case they will be given the opportunity."

James said the curriculum has often been referred to as the child-centered (or experience-centered) as contrasted to the subject-centered. The former has often been referred to, speaking broadly, as progressive education. "Looking at these from the standpoint of contrast," James continued, "one might say the following: The subject-centered curriculum is one under which the teacher pushes the nose of the learner between the covers of the book, so as to drive dates of history and science principles into his head; while the experience-centered curriculum is one which calls for an activity school, where class activity is determined largely by the interest of the members, with one knowing what will be experienced or learned by the end of the semester. In actual practice, the experience-curriculum gets better results than the explanation given here."

James said another phase of the curriculum which has come under sharp attack is the fact that some few years ago teachers were told that boys and girls should be taught as individuals and that to retain an individual in a grade for a second year simply because he was reading at the low grade level might upset him emotionally. "This plan would have been all right if each teacher was qualified to teach the boys and girls on the level to meet the individual needs," James declared. "But in the hands of poor teachers and poor supervision this program got out of hand and as a result for many years students were pushed

ed who could not read, spell, nor write until they became seniors. Therefore, it is easy for you to understand that many of our boys and girls have been turned out of our public schools poorly equipped. Many boys and girls are not fitted for the public schools and the state has been unable to make provisions for the teaching of these boys and girls who are in some instances barely educable."

Turning briefly to the Edenton school, James declared they are in a unique position in that they now have time to work on quality "as we will not have the quantity," this is a reference to the decrease in enrollment due to the disestablishment of the Naval air facility here. He said there would be some experimentation and that it must be carried out and not held to the rigid traditions that have been so evident here. He cited the institution of a new reading program in the high school and the addition of conversational French for seventh graders as steps in this direction.

During the club's business session, Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt advised of progress with plans for the 16th District meeting to be held in Edenton. The club decided to make this the final year they will participate in the community birthday calendar project and heard a progress report from Mrs. Bruce Jones, Jr., on the annual Halloween party which this year will not be "free" for the youngsters but will have small fees charged at the booths. The party will be held in the armory from 4 until 7 o'clock. Hostesses were Mesdames Federal Taylor, Murray Byrum, William Easterling, R. H. Hardin, J. M. Johnson, J. N. Pruden, Jr., and J. M. Thorud. Guests included Mrs. Floyd Swap, Mrs. Marvin Wilson and Mrs. Frank Collins.

Atkinson Named As Key Banker

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lieve it's a good investment for banks, as well as for the entire state."

The bankers association sponsor a two-week school at State College each February, attended by about 150 young farm leaders from throughout the state. All expenses of the young farmers are paid by their hometown banks.

The association also sponsors a two-day farm credit conference, at which the state's financial leaders study the current agriculture picture with farm leaders. Another project sponsored by the association is a land judging contest to encourage interest in soil conservation.

North Carolina's banks last year continued to outstrip all other lending agencies and institutions in farm loans. More than \$69 million in credit was made available to farmers by their banks. This was an all-time high in farm loans by banks.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council will meet in the Municipal Building Tuesday night, October 14, at 8 o'clock.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton's Lions Club will meet Monday night, October 13, at 7 o'clock. President J. R. DuLaney is very anxious to have every member present.

Dept. Of Archives Requests Old Records

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willing to provide for their administration and preservation.

"You will be interested to know that the Department already has in its archives a good many records of the General Court of North Carolina—four volumes of mounted documents covering the period 1684-1754. Why these other records of the General Court now in Edenton were not brought along with the others we do not know. Perhaps they were overlooked."

The County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning agreed to transfer the records referred to and requested Mr. Crittendon to send a representative to Edenton to decide just what records are desired.

Mrs. Carey Evans Elected Homemaker

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of beginners, is a BTU leader and has held various offices in the WMU.

Based on the required qualifications for the "homemaker," Mrs. Cora Evans "fits the ticket": Practices good housekeeping, provides family with love and understanding, considers the welfare of others, active in club, community and church, and a good neighbor.

LEGION MEETING

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