

## Who Will Pick The Subjects Junior Will Study While In High School?

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Of the average sixteen subjects a student takes during his four years of high school only seven are specifically named for him. The N. C. Department of Public Instruction requires U. S. History, biology, physical education and English I, II, III and IV.

This leaves nine courses, or more in some schools depending on other schedules, which must be selected. High schools today offer wide varieties of subjects, ranging from basic mathematics to trigonometry and ancient history to world geography.

Intelligent selections tremendously affect the shaping of a high schooler's future. They can mean a head start in a vocation, less difficulty in college or a generally happier life.

Poor choosing can mean extravagant time wasting. Just one subject requires 180 hours each year. If far too hard or easy or chosen prematurely, it not only causes the student's time going down the drain but even creates within him negative behavior habits.

In a few months thousands of boys and girls about to enter high school or those already in it face the question: "What to take next year?"

Who should make the important decision? The student himself, inexperienced, often without specific aims?

The parents, who want the best for their Junior but not sure what it is?

The school official, who often knows more about a youngster's abilities than the parents but less about home and personal factors, strong motivators behind youth's desires and ambitions.

A logical answer comes from Dr. Roy R. Blanton Jr., principal of the laboratory Appalachian High School on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

He recommends all three—the parents, principal and Junior—

making the decision together in conference.

"Each possesses special information the other doesn't have," says Dr. Blanton. "Pooling it together as a team enables the construction of a realistic course of study which is best for Junior."

The parent neglecting to come together with the principal and his child does the youngster an injustice, the eighteen-year veteran educator warns.

Just what subjects Junior selects should be determined largely by the vocation he wishes to enter, Dr. Blanton advises. Careful analysis by the team is especially necessary to estimate Junior's ability to succeed in his chosen pursuit.

If the vocation calls for college education, Junior must take certain courses to meet college entrance requirements such as a language, which many students prefer detouring. Schoolmen acquaint themselves with college and university requirements.

If the team decides it's best for Junior to end his formal education at high school graduation, a variety of courses should be selected to familiarize him with the world in which he lives and prepare him for responsibilities of a democracy.

The average high school offers several vocational courses. In these Junior may learn a worthwhile occupation. Most school curriculums carry business subjects such as typing and shorthand. Some offer auto mechanics, carpentry and agriculture.

And for the high schooler undecided about his future, a general course of study is a good bet, states Dr. Blanton. It exposes him to many fields, one of which could key him to a calling of his liking.

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## County ASC News

By L. L. KIBSELBURG  
MORE CONSERVATION  
NEEDED IN 1930

Tar Heel farmers have an opportunity in 1930 for making better use of their Agricultural Conservation Program than ever before, says Zeno O. Ratcliff Jr., Chairman of the ASC State Committee.

With allotments on tobacco, peanuts, cotton, and wheat in 1930, and with a continued need to shift production of some of the acreage of these crops, farmers have unequalled opportunity to use the Agricultural Conservation Program in the seeding of grasses and legumes. In doing this, cooperating farmers will not only be helping to bring production in balance but they will be building reserves in soil to meet future needs.

The seeding of grasses and legumes is only a part of the job of most effective conservation. The 1930 Agricultural Conservation Program also contains practices providing for the application of liming materials on farmland, contour stripcropping and forest tree planting, and several others.

To help farmers use the program to the best advantage, elected farmer-committeemen are available in every farming community. Ratcliff urges all farmers to use these men in analyzing the conservation needs on their farm. "Conservation can be the salvation of farmers in their time of need," he said. "They should all go by their local ASC office, discuss their conservation needs with the personnel there and, if their needs can be met through the program, they should sign the necessary papers on that visit."

## BACKWARD GLANCES

30 YEARS AGO  
S. Y. Allen, of Suit, was a visitor at the Scout Office Wednesday.

John Ellis, of Andrews, spent the week-end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bates were hostess to a dinner party on Saturday night in honor of Messrs. Bob Austin and Wade Massey. Those present were Miss Mabel Ellis, Eloise Fain and Della Meroney, and Messrs. Bob Austin and Wade Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler and daughter, Anne Mormon, will return home Friday from Orlando, Fla., where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harry McBrayer.

20 YEARS AGO  
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. M. W. Bell and Miss Ida Bell Entekin spent Saturday in Atlanta shopping.

Miss Marinelle Williamson, Elmer Stiles and Haden Williamson visited Canton Sunday.

Miss Fannie Deweese and Mrs. Frank Crawford and small son,

## Postmaster Orders Drop Of Charge On Short-Paid Mail

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced recently that he has ordered indefinite suspension of the 5-cent charge on "short paid" mail (mail with insufficient postage).

The extension of the deferment has been ordered as a result of Congressional action designed to abolish the extra charge permanently by legislation.

Public Law 85-371, effective July 1, 1928, provided that short paid charge in addition to the lawful postage should be collected from the addressee on delivery of mail not fully prepaid by the sender to cover the costs incurred. The 5-cent charge was adopted to cover the costs.

However, under authority contained in the law, the Post Office Department, on August 1, suspended the 5-cent charge pending further study.

This suspension had been scheduled to terminate Feb. 1, but will now be continued for an indefinite period, until a final Congressional decision on the matter is forthcoming, Mr. Summerfield explained.

The 5c short paid charge should not be confused with regular "postage due charges" for unpaid mail or mail bearing insufficient postage, Mr. Summerfield pointed out. Postage due charges are not involved in the present deferments.

Steve, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Bessie Deweese.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kindley and Mrs. J. H. Pitzer attended a basketball game in Epworth, Ga. Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rowland of Peachtree announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathy, to Floyd Allen also of Peachtree.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler spent the week-end in Sylva with Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Candler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gray spent Sunday and Monday in Asheville.

Ministers to hold meet at Red Marble Church.

10 YEARS AGO  
Wayne Battle spent two days this week in High Point on business.

Misses Ruth and Gail Palmer have returned from a visit with friends in Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Ollie Harris has returned from Liberty where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Beavers.

Mrs. Joe Rowland, Mrs. Jack Herbert and Mrs. G. W. McKel-dry visited in Bryson City Thursday.

Mr. Sam Williams spent last week with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## "HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE"

By Dr. Walter C. Alvarez

A new health series authored by Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, emeritus consultant in medicine at Mayo Clinic, tells how health is affected by your ability—or inability—to get along with others.

"How to Get Along With People," an 18-part special, will be published daily and Sunday except Saturday, exclusive in Georgia, in The Atlanta Journal. This reader-special is in addition to the regular column by Dr. Alvarez in The Journal.

You'll find many hints to help you achieve greater health and happiness. In sound, easy-to-understand terms, Dr. Alvarez discusses this how-to-get-along health problem and offers practical suggestions for its solution. "How to Get Along With People" begins Sunday, Feb. 8, in



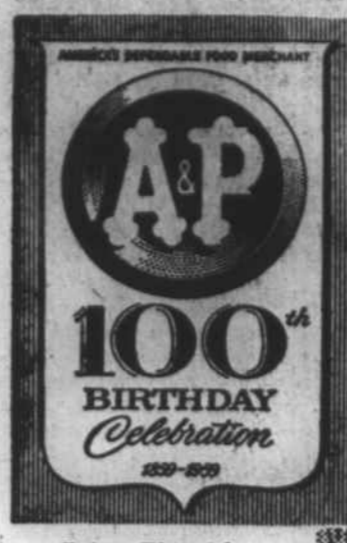
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AND  
THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION  
The South's Standard Newspaper

For example, an ordinary first-class letter with a 3c stamp instead of the required 4c stamp is

still subject to a penny postage charge. The possibility of Congressional action was called to the Postmas-

ter General's attention by Representative Edward H. Reese of Kansas, a member of the House Post Office and Civil Service

Committee, who suggested an indefinite postponement until Congress has had an opportunity to act on the matter.



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