

Investigate School Attendance Here

Survey to Be Made in Moore and Four Other Counties.

Moore county has been selected as one of the five counties in which a study of school attendance will be made during the fall school term. Miss Elizabeth Smith, Director of the Division of School Attendance of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, who is in charge of the survey, will spend Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Moore County, conferring with Miss Lucile Eifort, County Superintendent of Public Welfare, at West End, and A. B. Cameron, Superintendent of County Schools, at Carthage. The survey will be begun immediately. The purpose will be to obtain accurate information as to why children are absent from school. A school attendance drive will also be held.

The results of the survey, which is to determine the percentage of absences that may be attributed to sickness, indifference of the parents, farm work, other types of work, or non-enrollment, will be tabulated by the division of school attendance through the assistance of the teachers and parents. These results will be returned to the county to be used as a basis for future efforts to increase school attendance.

The survey is to be undertaken as a result of the recent investigation which showed that teachers in North Carolina schools marked "absent" by the names of 212,254 children during the school year 1926-27.

North Carolina's rank in relation to the percentage of children seven to 13 years old, attending school daily, is ninth from the bottom of the list, and those states falling below are all of the South.

The county unit of the organization to increase school attendance includes the superintendent of public welfare and truant officers as the administrative force, and the superintendent of schools and the rural supervisor as advisors. The co-operation of the people of the communities and the principals and teachers will be enlisted in the drive to be held this fall.

The aims will be: to create com-

munity interest in school attendance; to help the teachers get the correct reasons for absences; to help make the adjustments in the home necessary for the child's return to school; and to make the parents realize the value of an education.

RAIN CAUSES MOLD ON STORED TOBACCO.

To add to the woes of the North Carolina tobacco grower, continuous rain is causing a mold to appear on the cured leaf stored in the pack houses.

"The only way to control this mold is to install a wood heater in the pack house and dry it out as quickly as possible," says E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College. "This wet weather has been very bad on cured tobacco stored in pack houses over Eastern Carolina. In many instances, the tobacco is in too high order on the outside of the pile and mold is showing up. If a wood heater with an upright draft, such as the Wilson or Cole heater can be used there will be little danger of fire. The pipe should extend well out of the window or some other outlet to insure against fire."

Build a small fire in the stove at first and watch carefully, advises Mr. Floyd. Gradually get the heat up to 100 degrees and keep it there. This heat will kill the mold and save most of the leaf if it was packed properly in the first place. When the weather improves, it will pay every farmer to re-plant his weed. This will pay in most years, anyway, but especially is it a good practice this year when only quality weed is wanted by the buyers.

Mr. Floyd states that tobacco goes through a sweat and change about every three weeks in seasons like the one this fall. Re-planting it will give a more uniform color and the tobacco will be "sweeter" if re-planting and allowed to go through another sweat before it is sold. Farmers of the State lose thousands of dollars each year by selling their tobacco before it has really changed in bulk to show for its real worth.

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Sunlight Again at Knollwood Heights

Rain and Storm are not perpetual. Sunshine has broken through again at Knollwood Heights, and work is progressing with the same old enthusiasm that prevailed before the week or down-pour. The new houses are taking shape that tell what Knollwood is to be.

At Pine Needles Inn the landscape gardeners are busy, planting and improving that quarter of the neighborhood. All over the hill an army of men is extending water mains, planting and clearing out undergrowth, and advancing the improvement.

Nelson Courtway has his house plans in the hands of builders for estimates for cost. He hopes to get under way soon and make a home for himself at Knollwood. Richard Tufts is preparing to get rid of the undergrowth on the lot where he is considering a new house presently. By the time the visitors of winter arrive the whole neighborhood will be revolutionized.

MRS. LOUISE BARBER HOGG BECOMES INTERESTED.

Mrs. Louise Barber Hogg, who is the owner of several lots on Knollwood

Heights, has always been an enthusiast regarding the new community, and she has announced that she is going to make special effort to place some of her good friends and acquaintances on lots in the vicinity of her possessions. Mrs. Hogg has wide popularity, and the colony that she creates around her will be one of the desirable localities of the Knollwood section. With Mrs. Hogg, Glenna Collett and Mrs. Collett advocating the delights of Knollwood Heights as a place for a home in the North Carolina golf and vacation belt the additions to Knollwood's group this winter will be large.

With the big slices that have been cut from the group of Knollwood lots already the number left there on the Heights is no longer very large and it is intimated that prices will have a tendency to advance before much longer. Pretty good idea to secure a location before that inevitable condition arises.

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