

WELFARE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES ATTENDANCE

Law Forbids Children Under 16 To Work In School Hours; Causes Of Non-Attendance Are Investigated

Ways in which the Moore County department of public welfare can encourage better school attendance, in cooperation with public school authorities, were discussed at a meeting of the welfare board last week, reports H. G. Poole, of Carthage, chairman of the board.

There is no special school attendance officer in Moore County and the welfare department is responsible for enforcing the compulsory school attendance law, said Mrs. W. B. Cole, welfare superintendent, who is asking all agencies and the public generally to help in this task. Children come to the attention of the welfare department upon referral by the school authorities after careful screening of the reasons for absence.

"The law is clear in requiring all children between the age of 7 and 16 to attend school and in providing for legal enforcement of this attendance, both on children and their parents," Mrs. Cole said.

"However, we want to investigate the causes of nonattendance and remove them if possible, rather than to invoke the punitive provisions of the law. We ask the cooperation of the public to this end."

"Many children are out of school because of individual or social maladjustments," Mrs. Cole said. "Economic or other problems in the home are causes

of nonattendance. These and other areas of need make the service of the public welfare department important in achieving and maintaining regular school attendance. We want the children of Moore County to have the advantage of our good schools and to attend them regularly."

Services Aid Attendance

Some of the services cited as available through county departments of public welfare which contribute to regular school attendance include:

1. Conferences with children who are absent and with their parents to determine causes of absences and ways to eliminate these causes.
2. Determining mental capacity of children unable to benefit from the regular school program.
3. Providing psychological service through the School Project plan and to children referred for clinical service.
4. Cooperating with the juvenile judge (in this county, the clerk of court) in providing services to children with special problems, including behavior difficulties.
5. Cooperation with the courts in determining legal custody or guardianship of children.
6. Issuing employment certificates to minors in keeping with child labor laws.
7. Providing financial assistance when need exists.
8. Certification and referral for

special services, such as crippled children service, orthopedic clinics, eye clinics, Cerebral Palsy Hospital, and other medical and hospitalization needs.

9. Providing casework service in connection with problems of family relations.
10. Providing service to children needing care and protection through adoption, foster home care, specialized institutional placements, and other social services appropriate to meet the needs of the individual child.

Message to Parents

Mrs. Cole this week issued the following message to parents, especially to farm workers, to explain the school attendance law and the welfare department's part in enforcing this law:

1. Why your children should go to school: Education helps your children. All children need education. Your child has a right to education. Schools give children a better chance to be good, respected citizens.
2. A new law gives your children time to go to school: Children under 16 are not allowed to work in the fields during school hours. This law is the same everywhere in the United States. The school attendance law applies to children working on their parents' own farm.
3. Everyone should know about this law: The social workers of the Moore County Department of Welfare may talk to you about the school law and the child labor law. They are your friends. They want to help you and your children.
4. Your employer must obey this law: The Labor Department of man and social workers may talk to your employer. They will tell him not to let children under 16

work in the fields during school hours. Children under 16 may work before and after school and in vacations.

5. Help your employer obey the law: Do not let your children under 16 work in the field or at any other employment during school hours. Send them to school instead. Children over 16 may work at any time in the fields. Have papers with you to show your children's age.

NIGHT FIRE CAUSES

Principal causes of fire at night in the home are: Failure to keep premises free of rubbish; failure to eliminate chimney and flue defects; failure to keep home heating apparatus properly repaired; failure to use proper care in smoking and in disposal of burning matches and cigarette butts; failure to keep home electrical wiring and fixtures properly inspected and repaired; failure to put out or properly bank fireplace or stove fires before retiring.

Depress gas pedal slightly and hold it still in starting an auto engine. Pumping the gas pedal floods the engine. Pump gas pedal twice in cold weather.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of W. H. McNeill, deceased, late of Moore County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Pinehurst, North Carolina, on or before the 7th day of September, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of September, 1955.
I, C. SLEDGE, Administrator of the Estate of W. H. McNeill, deceased.
S8-15-22-2906-13

NORTH CAROLINA, MOORE COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF SUMMONS

MOORE COUNTY vs. W. H. Williamson et als., Dr. Salisbury Laboratories, Inc., L. C. Holt, Tax Comm., S. A. L. Rd., Kasco Mills Inc., W. P. Wood, W. P. Wood Jr., H. Wood, C. F. Wood, R. M. Wood, Thos. Wood, trading as T. W. Wood & Sons. All persons, firms & corporations having an interest in the real estate herein described. The above, defendants, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, for the purpose of

foreclosing certain liens for taxes for the year 1952, owned and held by Moore County, and for other taxes, costs and interest and penalties due Moore County, which are liens upon that certain tract, lot or parcel of land listed for the year 1952 and other years shown in the complaint in said action in the name of W. H. Williamson in McNeill Township, Moore County, North Carolina, described as follows: Lots No. 15 & 16 with store building on Highway No. 1 between So. Pines & Manly, being a part of the Swett subdivision of lots 31 thru 42 in Edgemore Hts. as described in deed book 152 at page 530, Public Registry for Moore County.

And the relief demanded consists wholly or partly in excluding all persons from any actual interest or lien in or to said lands. And the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, at his office in Carthage, within 20 days after the 17 day of October, 1955, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 17 day of Sept., 1955.
C. C. KENNEDY,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
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