

LESS THAN TRUCK DRIVERS'

Kiwanis Speaker Says Low Pay For Teachers Harming Schools

What is the matter with public education in North Carolina? Why do our students rate so low in aptitude tests?

Charles Rose, Fayetteville attorney and member of the State Board of Education, speaking on "Our Children's Future in North Carolina Public Schools," gave the Sandhills Kiwanis Club the answers at its weekly luncheon meeting held Wednesday in the Mid Pines Club. He was presented to the group by Dr. A. C. Dawson, superintendent of Southern Pines Schools.

There are two principal reasons for existing conditions, Rose said: 1. General lack of qualified white teachers. 2. Insufficient teacher salaries.

"The fact that other states pay teachers better salaries results in from 1,500 to 2,000 replacements a year in North Carolina. We have 2,200 teachers with less than standard certificates. This affects 180,000 of our pupils. The State is doing less for teachers than it did a few years ago. And less for public education," Rose told the Kiwanians.

For several years prior to 1952 the budget provided 67 per cent of the tax dollar for education. Since then this has shrunk to less than 63 per cent or \$137.75 per pupil per year, compared with a national average of \$250 per pupil.

The national average pay of teachers is \$4,200. In North Carolina the average is \$3,324. Teachers have had no pay increase since 1953. "We are paying them less than truck drivers," Rose said.

He told of intelligence tests given 644 Seniors in 22 high schools of the state, in nationwide competition: "Two-thirds of the Seniors in America's high schools were smarter than our boys and girls. We ranked 24th among the states in social sciences; 39th in natural sciences; 41st in mathematical ability, for a rank as a whole of 33rd. During World War II North Carolina boys taking Selective Service intelligence tests ranked 42nd in the nation.

"We must do something. Someone has failed but who has let us down so completely?" Rose asked. "We can find the answer by looking into our mirrors when we shave in the morning.

"We are responsible. We sit idly by and let our legislators treat teachers like stepchildren. We are not backing up our educators. Fathers are not paying enough attention to their sons and daughters. They'll spend hundreds of dollars to send them to camp for two months in summer to learn to play, with total disregard of the nine months each year of their education."

He called upon the Kiwanians to beat the bushes for support of recommended increased appropriations for teacher salaries and per pupil costs. Recommended for teachers is a starting wage of \$2,900, to increase gradually to \$4,500 after 11 years. Recommended is a per pupil allotment from \$135 per year to \$165.

"What can we do? We can get the facts; tell our friends; but-hold our legislators. Our children deserve better."



FIRST BABY born in Moore County in 1957 was a baby girl, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barner of Route 1, Aberdeen. The child, which weighed in at seven pounds, 10 ounces, was born at 10:33 New Year's morning at Moore County Hospital.

Carson A. Blue, Lifelong Resident, Died This Morning

Carson A. Blue, 70, a native and lifelong resident of Moore County, died early this morning in St. Joseph's Hospital after an illness of about three weeks.

A retired tobacco man, he was formerly employed at Blue's Market here.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 at Clark's Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Union Church Cemetery.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. J. Simons of Southern Pines, and Mrs. McQueen of Norfolk, Va., one son, Alton Blue, a student at State College; and a daughter.

INS and OUTS

Mrs. J. H. Weatherspoon and Mrs. I. A. Woodell spent Wednesday of last week with their mother, Mrs. J. O. Adcox, and sister, Mrs. R. A. White, at Maxton.

Mrs. Pauline Morrison flew to Albany, N. Y., last Friday for a long weekend visit to Mrs. Arlene Van Curler in Schenectady. She returned to Southern Pines Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Berenice Harrington is convalescing at her home, the Southland Hotel, following major surgery at Moore County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Council went to St. Paul Wednesday evening to pay her mother, Mrs. C. R. Hester, a surprise visit on her 79th birthday, taking her a decorated birthday cake. They enjoyed a supper which Mrs. Hester insisted that she, herself, prepare. Another daughter, Mrs. L. O. Hargroves, of Harlingen, Tex., was there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. P. Delarue have just returned to their home on Monganton Road after an absence of a week. They went to New York City to attend the funeral of Mrs. Delarue's sister, Mrs. Maurice L. Weil.

Wildlife Club Has Season's Largest Crowd For Meeting

An overflow crowd—largest of the club to date—attended the January meeting of the Moore County Wildlife Club, held as a supper meeting at Dante's Restaurant Monday night of last week.

T. C. Auman, of West End, president, turned the meeting over to T. C. Scarborough of Raeford, who served as projectionist for the showing of a remarkable technicolor movie, "Bob White." The nature film showed the life cycle of the quail throughout all months of the year. Bob White was shown in courtship, nest building and the raising of the young, also struggling for survival against the many hazards which constantly beset the life of this small, comparatively defenseless bird.

The movie, secured through the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, held the message that landowners can do much to preserve the quail, one of the most popular of game birds, by providing him proper cover for his home. With such protection he is in better shape to cope with adversities of weather, the fox, the rodent, fire and other things which offer a constant threat. Natural mortality cuts into his ranks to such a great extent through the year, that he must have some real "breaks" in order to survive in appreciable numbers from year to year.

Present as special guests, to add information to that given in the film, and to answer questions on this and other subjects, were Donald Hankla, leader of the Small Game Habitat Development Project of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and Dave Taylor, his district biologist.

Also present was a large contingent from the 2,200-member Wildlife Association of Fort Bragg.

Gene McDonald reported that wood-duck boxes were ready to be put out along streams and pond edges, a project adopted by the club last fall. Mr. Hankla said he and Mr. Taylor would assist in putting them out in the proper places, for wood-duck nests.

Four new members were welcomed—Dr. Emily Tufts, Pinehurst, who had shot her first dove that day; John D. McConnell, Southern Pines; Howard Brown and John Patterson, Jackson Springs, Rt. 1.

These brought the club's dues-paid membership up to 82, of which approximately half are farmers, said Mrs. T. C. Vann, secretary. It is a countywide organization.

The February meeting will be held in West End, on invitation of President Auman.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. M. L. Howard of Southern Pines underwent surgery this morning in New York City. Her address is Memorial Center, 444 East 68th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

Mrs. Howard of Howard's Bakery is well known throughout this section and her address is given for the benefit of friends who will wish to remember her with cards.

Idle Comments

Interesting note: All of the rain that falls on the north side of Midland Road eventually drains into the ocean at Southport, just south of Wilmington. All the water that falls on the south side of the road empties into the ocean at Georgetown, S. C., more than 100 miles south of Wilmington. Clyde Council is authority for this geography lesson.

Confederate Joke: At the outset of the War Between the States, or the Civil War, as some would have it, Uncle Zeke, a native Southerner, immediately volunteered and showed up in front of the general store saying, "Don't worry boys, we can lick those Damnyankees with cornstalks." He and the rest of the regiment marched off to war. Four years later he returned, looking like he had been caught in the eye of a hurricane. "Hey, Zeke, what happened?" he was asked. "We thought you could whip the Yankees with cornstalks." Zeke turned a scornful eye and replied, "Could have, but those buzzards wouldn't fight with cornstalks."

Who's Who: We've been having a whale of a time with our research for people from this area listed in "Who's Who." (Still looking for more names, by the way). Ran across the name of Eisenhower, Dwight D., on the last look and noted the editors had given him 19 lines in the book. His brother, Milton, took up 51 lines. President Eisenhower had his mother's maiden name listed as "Ida Stover." Both Milton and Arthur called her "Ida Stover." Well?

Historical Meeting Postponed By Weather

The regular monthly meeting of the Moore County Historical Association was postponed Tuesday night when the bad weather conditions kept many members from attending.

The meeting will be rescheduled in the next few weeks.

Approximately 3,000 gallons of water are required to produce one bushel of corn.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MOORE

The undersigned, Roosevelt Gaddy, having duly qualified as the Administrator to the estate of Brack Gaddy, deceased, late of the above county and state, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said Brack Gaddy, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of January, 1958, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said Brack Gaddy, deceased, are hereby requested to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned immediately.

This the 17th day of January, 1957.

(s) ROOSEVELT GADDY, Administrator
W. Lamont Brown, Attorney
117,24,31f7,14,21

Officer Back On Duty This Week

John K. Sharpe, Southern Pines policeman, was back on duty this week after being discharged from the hospital where he was confined following an automobile accident last week.

The wreck, which occurred in Pinehurst and took the life of Sharpe's five-week old son, also hospitalized several other members of Sharpe's family. All have been released from the hospital and are reported rapidly recuperating.

George H. Purvis, Member of County School Board, Dies

George H. Purvis, 58, of Route 1, Robbins, died Tuesday in the Moore County Hospital. He was a native of Moore County, a poultry and dairy farmer, and has served on the Moore County Board of Education for the past fifteen years.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Beulah Baptist Church. The Rev. J. C. Dunvant will officiate, assisted by the Rev. C. M. Strickland and the Rev. J. A. Price. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Brady Purvis; one daughter, Mrs. Eva Mae Brown of Route 1, Robbins; two sons, Harold Purvis of Route 1, Robbins; Gilbert Purvis of the home; one sister, Mrs. Sankie Caviness of Route 1, Robbins; three brothers, Claude and Willie Purvis, both of Route 2, Bennett and Nuby of Route 1, Robbins; and five grandchildren.

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Lennon, 7th District; Basil L. Whitener, 11th District; and A. Paul Kitchin, 8th District.

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- 1955 CHEVROLET 4-door, green
- 1954 DODGE 4-door, green & red
- 1954 FORD Victoria, white
- 1954 OLDS 98, Holiday Coupe, green and white

- 1952 OLDS Holiday Coupe, yellow and black
- 1952 OLDS 88 Holiday Coupe, yellow
- 1951 MERCURY 4-door, black
- 1951 PACKARD 4-door, blue
- 1950 FORD 2-door, brown
- 1950 BUICK 4-door, grey
- 1950 DODGE 4-door, maroon
- 1950 FORD 2-door, yellow
- 1950 PLYMOUTH Convertible, yellow

- 1949 FORD 4-door, red
- 1949 PLYMOUTH 2-door, black
- 1948 CHEVROLET 2-door, grey
- 1948 CHEVROLET 2-door, black
- 1948 PONTIAC 2-door, black
- 1948 FORD 2-door, green
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