

SCHOOL TERM HAS DOUBLED IN DECADE

82 Per Cent of White Children In Schools Operating 8 Months

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—The average North Carolina child has available a school lasting 154 days, or six days less than eight months, the white school average being 152.6 days and the negro school average 141 days, and at the present rate of increase, all children will have available an 8-months school term average by 1940, the current issue of "State School Facts" shows.

At present 82.5 per cent of the white enrollment and 38.2 per cent of the colored enrollment in the State are in school operating eight months or more, or there are 338,949 rural school and 181,931 charter white children in schools operating eight months or more during the year, it is shown. The length of term has increased exactly one month in the past decade.

The average term has doubled in length since 1900 in rural schools for both white and colored, increasing from 76 to 152.8 days for whites and from 69 to 129 days for colored, the white charter schools increasing in length from 170 to 178.4 days and the negro charter schools from 160 to 174 days in that time. All white and colored charter schools have operated eight months or more in the 30 years, except for the influenza year, 1918-19.

"North Carolina is one of the three states having a minimum term provision written into its fundamental law, the Constitution," the publication states.

Seventeen counties, 12 in the east, have no white children enrolled in schools of less than eight months, while 10 counties have no negro children in schools of less than eight months, or 160 days.

Transylvania county rural schools have an average term of 160 days for white and 160 days for colored children. Enrollment of pupils in white schools of the county having less than eight months number none, while those enrolled in schools of more than eight months number 2,476. The enrollment in colored rural schools having less than eight months number none and 169 are enrolled in schools having more than eight months, 1929-30 figures show.

Blantyre Breezes

Ralph Murphy of Leicester, visited Raymond Reed recently.

Huntley Mahaffey spent sometime with friends here recently.

The singers of this community met at the home of Mr. Oat Morgan one night last week and entertained him with songs. Mr. Morgan has been in poor health for a long time, and he enjoys singing very much.

Lee Gash, who has been in poor health for sometime, is not very strong yet.

Mrs. John Reed visited her uncle, D. E. Lyday, of Turkey Creek, one day last week. She reports Mr. Lyday very ill, but improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Orr and little daughter, Frances, called on friends here Thanksgiving.

Miss Belle Reed spent last Wednesday with Mrs. W. A. Lyday and Mrs. D. H. Orr, of Pisgah Forest.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Lee Gash is improving after being ill for quite a while.

The Blantyre church and Sunday School made a nice little Thanksgiving offering, which has been sent to our orphans at The Mills Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Drake of Beulah, passed through our section recently.

We are sorry to report that William Frady had the misfortune to stick a snag in his eye last week and it is feared that he will lose his eye. However, Dr. Newland, attending physician, has some hope of saving it.

Miss Sadie Reed is spending her vacation at her home here.

There All the Time
School ma'am: "Emulate George Washington."

Dusky Lad (from the rear of the room): "No'm, I've been here all the time."

WORK TAKEN FROM COUNTY TREASURER

School Costs To Be Paid Direct From Headquarters In Raleigh

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Teachers in North Carolina will be greatly benefited and handling of the school funds will be greatly facilitated by a recent ruling of Attorney General D. G. Brummitt, as requested by the State Board of Equalization. The result will be that the blanket bonds on county treasurers will be cancelled, these treasurers or the county financial agents and the county superintendents placed under nominal fidelity bonds, and, more important, will eliminate the necessity for long waits of teachers in receiving their salaries.

The school law contemplated handling the funds by county treasurers, but the detail and red tape necessary, along with the holding by the Attorney General that the school funds are State funds and must be handled by the State Treasurer, all involving difficulties that could not be overcome, led to the revised and simplified plan. The original plan caused long delays in getting salaries to the teachers and the need for sending the money in two installments. Much of the bond money will also be saved by the new plan.

"Through the method of disbursement made possible by Mr. Brummitt's ruling, it is believed a great deal of the confusion and delay in making payments to the teachers will be eliminated," LeRoy Martin, secretary of the State board, said. "This has been a great source of irritation and all school people will no doubt welcome the relief herewith afforded," he said.

STATE BORROWS TO PAY THE TEACHERS

The State of North Carolina, due to its guarantee to pay salaries of teachers and other school expenses for six months, had to borrow \$3,800,000 on revenue anticipation notes to meet the school costs of about \$2,800,000 a month, and had to pay an interest rate of 6 per cent, in contrast to the 2 1/2 per cent paid on short term notes of \$2,502,370 sold in July. Condition of the financial market caused the higher interest rate. The First National Bank, New York, took \$3,000,000, the American Trust Co., Charlotte, \$500,000, and other N. C. Banks took the remaining \$300,000 of the issue.

Borrow was necessary in part because only 42 of the 100 counties had paid a total of \$657,235.33 of the \$5,000,000 expected by the end of the year from the 17 cent ad valorem tax on property and the poll tax of \$1.50 a man. This and the income tax due March 15 are expected to pay off the notes.

NOTARIES RESIGN SINCE THE RULING

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—More than 25 of the approximately 3,000 notaries public in North Carolina have notified Governor Gardner's office that they are now ineligible, as a result of the three to two decision of the N. C. Supreme Court that a notary public is a public state office, Miss Mamie Turner, executive clerk, reports.

Attorney General D. G. Brummitt has written numerous letters informing inquirers that "By express provisions of Article XIV, Section 7, of the Constitution, a justice of the peace and a notary public, may not be a notary and hold any other public office. Officers in private corporations are not included, of course."

A notary public is not permitted to hold any of the following offices, under the court ruling: Federal, district court, or enforcement officers, or postmaster; State, officers or heads of departments or divisions; county, commissioners or other offices, attorney, judges or other county offices; City, clerk, treasurer, auditor, secretary, judge or board of aldermen, commissioners or councilman, or any "two offices of profit and trust."

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN RALEIGH

Capital Wins Out Over Charlotte's Bid for Jackson Day Dinner

Raleigh was selected over Charlotte as the place of the next Jackson Day Dinner, staged by the Young People's Democratic Organization, at a meeting of the executive committee here last week. The date will probably be March 11, anniversary of the birth of Andrew Jackson, although there is some talk of holding it January 8, anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. State College auditorium, with a 1,500 seating capacity, was offered. Charlotte offering its armory-auditorium, capable of seating 2,500 diners.

Claude G. Bowers, Democratic keynote speaker in 1928, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt and Newton D. Baker, are among the speakers to be considered by the committee on arrangements and program named by Chairman Tyre C. Taylor. Tickets will be distributed, at two ago, on the basis of Democratic vote for Governor in 1928, by counties, Mr. Taylor announces.

Edwin Gill, Governor Gardner's secretary, was appointed chairman of the committee having full charge of the dinner, including arrangements, distribution of tickets, inviting speakers and honor guests and all other details. Other members of his committee are: Mrs. James L. Scott, Greensboro, vice-chairman; J. Dewey Dorsett, Raleigh; Henry T. Fisher, Charlotte; J. S. Massenburg, Tryon; John M. Glenn, Gatesboro; Henry McKinnon, Maxton; Miss Ida Wilkinson, Winston-Salem; Thomas Turner, Hing Point; John B. Grudup, Henderson.

Selica News Notes

Well folks, we hope we have most recovered, or at least enough to state some of the happenings. Yes, the game and fire warden scared some of our boys some bad—anyway, it cost one \$6.50 to chase one bunny, while the poor quails were falling in the nearby sage field. Why such partial creatures!

Weldon Gillespie of Greenville, S. C., was visiting David and Arthur Orr during the week-end.

Lonnie Barton is building a new crib. Some of our folks attended a birthday dinner at the home of Uncle Baxter Whitmore Sunday and report a wonderful time.

W. W. Galloway, who has had a very bad hand, is reported to be improving.

Tom and Johnnie McKinna were visiting in the Turkey Creek Community Saturday.

Mrs. Elzie Barton and children were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Head, last week.

There will be preaching at Cathey's Creek next Sunday by the Pastor. It seems so long since we had preaching as last month had five Sundays.

Mrs. Florence McKinna was visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Garren, of Brevard, recently.

Mrs. Joe Dunn was called to Wolf Mountain on account of the death of her brother David Shelton last week.

We are sorry to lose our Cherryfield reporter but appreciate his services in his new work. He was in our section recently, running down the ones who have been visiting our neighbors' corn fields and carrying away their corn. We hope he may have the cooperation of the County officials and all the good citizens in stopping this and also the ones who have been visiting our chicken roosts after night.

McKinley and Robert Eubanks were Toxaway callers recently.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of David Shelton, one of the most prominent and beloved citizens of Jackson County. Our sympathy goes out to his family in their bereavement.

Clarence Galloway, President of our B. Y. P. U., has been very sick but was able to be on the job Sunday night.

Prayer service for Wednesday evening, December 9th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hamilton, conducted by Wesley McCall.

Stamey Creek Prayer Service will be at the home of Calvin Stamey, by Mrs. Adger Stamey, frn St. John.

CARL SUGGESTS A FEW NEW CHANGES

By CARL GOERCHE

There's real system to this kind of weather we've been having throughout the fall. Until four weeks before Christmas it was so dry and warm that nobody felt like doing any shopping. From now on it's going to be so cold, rainy and generally disagreeable that nobody will be able to do any shopping.

We all have our troubles. I was in Guy Small's store a few days ago. Guy runs a book and stationery establishment in Washington. He was shoeing flies away from his stock of Christmas cards.

"They're smart flies," he commented. "They won't rest themselves on the cheap, two-for-five-cents cards. No, sir. They pick out the fifteen-cent cards every time. Drat 'em! Shoo!"

Is Mr. Small's statement paid for? You may be interested in knowing that not one cent was paid to Mr. Small to make the above statement. Mr. Small has been a shoer of flies for a number of years. We hope the publicity herewith given will be as beneficial to him and his store as his endorsement is to you and to me.

Why is it that on these cold, drizzly dreary mornings when you sleep later than usual and have to rush and get dressed in order to get down to work on time, you always find that the fire has gone out during the night and has to be rebuilt from the ground up?

I've never known it to fail. Incidentally, I know of a whole lot of things that are more pleasant and agreeable than standing around in a pair of pajamas or a night-shirt, waiting for a flickering fire to catch up so you can leave it.

Along with a whole lot of other things, I believe there is one special factor that has been more responsible for what we jokingly call the depression than anything else.

It's this business of sending money out of town.

In my town, there are about a thousand automobiles. Not a hundred of those automobiles were paid for at the time they came into possession of their present owners. Practically all of them were bought on time. That means that a good sized payment has to be made on those cars every month, which also means that money is sent out of town and can never do any good here.

The average payment per month probably is around thirty dollars. Multiply that by nine hundred and you get \$27,000. And when a sum like that leaves your town every month, no wonder that business is poor and merchants are complaining.

If you want to, you can add radios, electric refrigerators and a number of other things to the list of automobiles.

The Governor's committee on doctoring the constitution of North Carolina met last week in Raleigh. Quite a number of suggestions were made relative to improving that document. Personally I'd be willing to see all of those suggestions discarded in favor of one blanket and wholesale recommendation, namely,

"That is shall be declared unlawful, unconstitutional, unorthodox and uneverything-else for any individual within the boundaries of North Carolina to purchase any article on time, on credit, or on a deferred payment plan. Violation of this act shall render the guilty party liable to a term of five years in the state penitentiary."

If such an act were passed and enforced, we'd have Old Man Prosperity back with us so quickly that it would make your head swim.

8th chapter, Thursday evening.

Next Saturday evening Prayer Service will be conducted by Mrs. Tom Galloway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of Brevard, were visitors of the later's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Orr, Thanksgiving.

Henry McKinna and Geter Barton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Breedlove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barton moved to Brevard for the winter months. We will all miss them and look forward to their return.

TRYING TO NAME THE NEW CONSTITUTION 10-YEAR PLAN CHILD NOW IN THE MAKING

Contest Attracting Attention: Short Ballot, New Judgeship System and Many Other Changes Urged

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Scores of names have already been received in the contest for naming the organization which will seek to carry out the "Ten-Year-Plan" suggested by Tyre C. Taylor for rehabilitation and development of North Carolina, Dr. A. T. Allen, chairman, announces. Almost every section of the State is represented in the answers submitted for consideration.

Letters containing names submitted were postmarked not later than midnight, December 9. The first prize is a week's vacation, with all expenses paid, at any resort hotel in the State and if the winner is married, the husband or wife may accompany him or her. The second prize is two suits of North Carolina-made homespun. Suggestions for names should be sent to the Contest Committee, care Tyre C. Taylor, Raleigh, N. C.

President Taylor has named a committee, care Tyre C. Taylor, Raleigh, N. C., to handle Project A of the plan, that of attracting tourists to the State, as follows: E. S. Draper, Charlotte, chairman; Ralph W. Page, Aberdeen; Harry C. Bourne, Tarboro; F. Roger Miller, Asheville; Paul C. Lindley, Greensboro; W. T. Polk, Warrenton; W. O. Saunders, Elizabeth City; Struthers Burt, Southern Pines; E. B. Jeffress, Raleigh; L. B. Morse, Chimney Rock; Harris Newman, Wilmington; P. Frank Hanes, Winston-Salem; Mrs. John H. Anderson, Raleigh; Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro; T. L. Bland, Religh; Reuben Robertson, Canton; and George Ross Pou, Raleigh.

Oakland News Items

Mrs. Dan Reid and Mrs. S. B. McCall were joint hostesses at an old-time quilting party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid during the Thanksgiving holidays.

While quilting the ladies were entertained with delightful radio music and at the noon hour a delicious dinner was served to the following guests: Mrs. S. E. Alexander, Mrs. E. A. Reid, Mrs. W. W. Reid, Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mrs. Dock Banther, Mrs. Clarence Norton, Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Mrs. Lee Norton and Miss Lula Reid.

Another enjoyable occasion was a surprise quilting party given Mrs. Maggie Nicholson on Thanksgiving day with a picnic dinner cooked on a campfire in the yard by part of the ladies, while the others did the quilting. A good feature of this party was a basket of good eats packed for the picnic lunch and sent by Mrs. Clarence Norton and Miss Lula Reid to one of our needy families.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Lyday and daughters, Misses Lora Bell, Lois and Betty Jen, and son, Lewis, Jr., of Porterdale, Ga., spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholson and children of Rosman, spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid were in Brevard on business one day last week.

J. C. McCall, who has employment in Jackson county, spent the week-end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. B. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sanders of Quebec, called on friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reid called on Mr. and Mrs. Welch Reid Sunday afternoon.

Rev. S. B. McCall was supper guest of Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Norton.

Leo Reid spent Sunday afternoon with Oscar McCall.

Misses Flora Bess and Lessie Reid of Cullowhee, made a short visit to their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reid Thanksgiving day.

Miss Alberta Burgess spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Norton were Brevard visitors Saturday.

Robert and L. C. Sanders motored to Asheville Sunday morning to meet Eric Edwards, who was returning from New York.

Miss Evand Sanders and Miss

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—North Carolina's antiquated Constitution, adopted in 1868 and amended many times, but tediously, until it is topheavy and cumbersome, would be almost completely reworked by Governor Gardner's Constitutional Commission, judging from suggested changes made at the meeting last Friday, the group adjourning to meet again January 1 and 2.

The "short ballot," granting the veto power to the Governor, allowing women to serve on juries, allowing majority vote verdicts of juries in all but capital offenses, classification of property for taxation, removing six per cent limit on income, abolishing rotation of superior court judges, were suggested by Judge John J. Parker, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; a new "public welfare" article to conserve, by legislation, water, power, fish, game, forests, minerals and other natural resources, was suggested by Chief Justice W. P. Stacy; and Major George E. Butler, and Burton Craigie, Winston-Salem, offered other suggestions.

The commission, created by the 1931 General Assembly to report before the 1932 session, will hear Chas. M. Johnson, director of Local Government, and Supt. R. H. Latham, of the Winston-Salem schools, at the January meeting. Dean H. T. Van Hacht and Prof. Fred B. McCall, of the State University Law School, spoke on the veto power, the judicial system, and Prof. Malcolm McFermett, Duke university law school, reported on county government. Dean N. Y. Gully, Wake Forest law school, will report on taxation later.

Other suggested changes follow: eliminate constitutional provision against re-election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; permit Governor to submit to General Assembly revenue and appropriation bills and State budget; restrict extra General Assembly sessions to specific purpose named by Governor; divide State into three judicial districts, electing the judges within such districts for 10 years, removable for cause by General Assembly and retired at age of 70 years; increasing Supreme Court justice from five to seven; creating Department of Justice under Attorney General heading up State solicitors an dwith State police under department; remove restriction of women serving on juries; delete "male" from many sections of Constitution; indict only in capital cases, other to be tried on information; trial without jury by consent of the parties, except in capital cases; prohibit farming out prisoners; provide for county manager form of government.

Myrtle McCall visited one of our needy neighbors and made them glad by carrying them part of their Thanksgiving dinner.

The Baptist young folks met at the home of Mrs. Raine Sunday afternoon at her request, and sang for an hour, which seemed to give the elderly lady very great pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reid visited Mrs. R. J. Cook Sunday.

Rev. Lewis Lyday and Robert Sanders visited friends in the Bohaney section Thursday.

Fred McNeely and I. S. Sanders were Asheville visitors Saturday evening.

Mrs. S. E. Alexander spent several days last week with her brother, E. D. Reid and family.

The Sunday School with Mr. Clark as superintendent, and the B. Y. P. U. with Mrs. Walter McKinna as president, at Lake Toxaway Baptist church are still doing good work. Nearly a hundred per cent of the children are enrolled in the Sunday School, and we believe we could have all who should come to the Baptist church it were not so far for some of them to walk. May the good work continue.

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OPENING OF TOYLAND

The GATES OF TOYLAND have swung WIDE OPEN, and all the children may enter. What treasures there are in this marvellous, topsy-turvy land where sorrow is unknown! Fascinating toys may be obtained here, toys for both boys and girls, at the lowest prices in town. These toys will bring happy smiles to the faces of children. We invite you to come with your children to see our remarkable display of enchanting toys. We have mechanical trains, dolls, jumping jacks, construction sets, games, puzzles, tricks, toy soldiers, toy kitchen sets, blocks, toy animals—in fact, everything!

Plummer's DEPARTMENT Store