

... Sixth graders score high

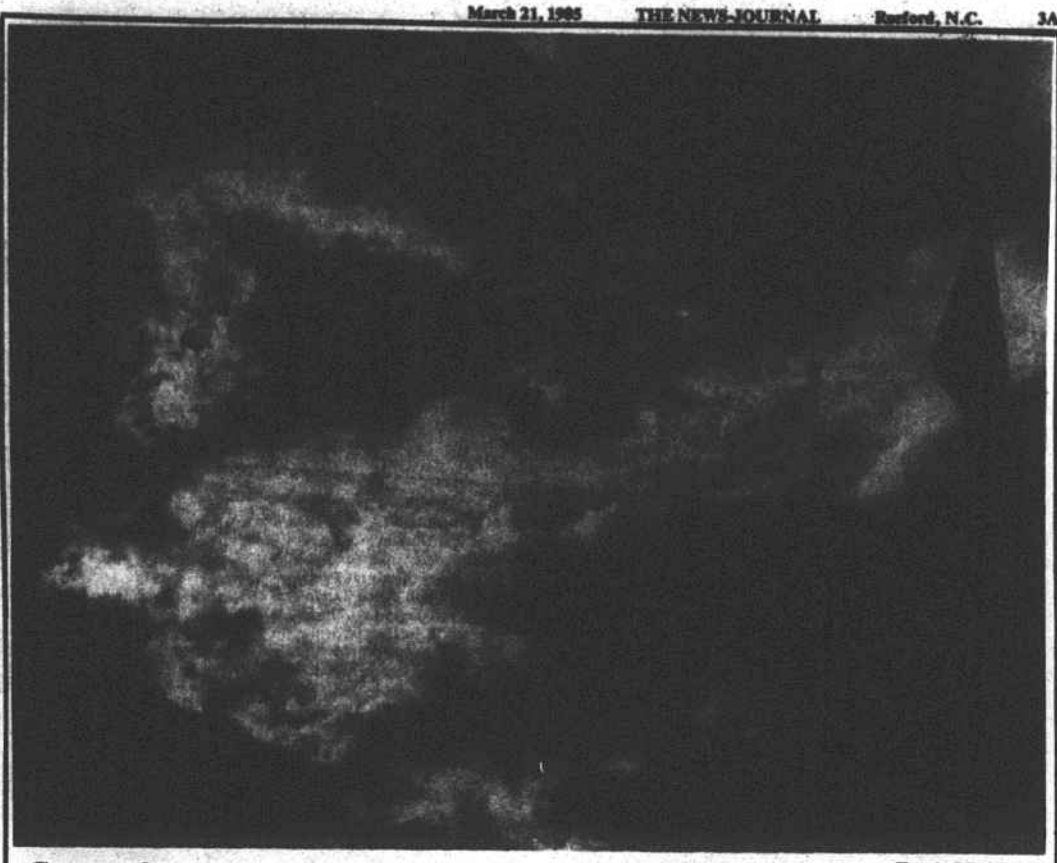
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 are Scotland County Schools, Fairmont City Schools, Montgomery County Schools, Lee County Schools and Whiteville City Schools.
 The tests for the two grade levels were totally different so there can be no comparisons drawn between the grades.
 Sixth graders around the state were asked to choose a place they would like to visit and tell why they would like to go there.
 Specifically, children were told to:

- Name the place you want to visit.
 - Give at least two different reasons you would like to go there and explain your reasons.
 - Write in complete paragraphs.
 - Check to be sure you are using good sentences.
 - Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization.
- For the sixth graders, a score of 4 shows a strong command of clarification writing; a 3 shows

reasonable command of clarification; a score of 2 shows that the paper focuses on a place and attempts to establish reasons for wanting to be there and a 1 shows there is evidence that the writer has read the prompt and attempted to report to it, the state's report says.
 Ninth graders were presented with a different problem.
 They were asked to take a position regarding whether students should be allowed to buy snacks at school or not.
 Students were told to:

- Tell whether you are for or against allowing students to buy snacks at school.
 - Give at least two reasons why you are for or against snacks at school.
 - Write in complete paragraphs.
 - Check to be sure you are using good sentences.
 - Use correct grammar, spelling, capitalization and punctuation.
- According to the report, a perfect score of 4 is a paper that shows a strong command of point-of-view writing; a 3 paper states a

position and gives elaborated reasons to support the position; a 2 paper states a position and gives reasons to support it and a score of 1 shows that the writer has read the problem and made an attempt to respond.
 Semones said that the improved scores this year are due to teacher participation in local, regional and state workshops for learning to help students.
 "Then, teachers went back to the students and they wrote - they practiced," said Semones.
 Unlike last year, teachers have the actual writing sample that students wrote back from the state.
 With the samples in hand, teachers can show students exactly what they did right or wrong.
 "If a student scored a 3.5, the teacher can show him why he did not score a 4 and why he got a 3.5," Semones said.
 According to the Director of Instruction, parents are invited to visit with teachers about their children's scores.



Cotton sky
 This sky Thursday afternoon takes on the look of cotton candy as clouds roll in to block the sun that had given Hoke County two weeks of warm weather. The clouds brought with them dark skies and rain over the weekend. A similar scene could be found Sunday as the clouds moved out.
 Photo by E.W. Miller, III

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