

Low School Budgets Seldom Save Community Money

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In subsequent columns we plan to give you items of interest concerning the work going on at Beaufort Graded School.

Are teachers in your school district paid a living wage—enough to hold the fine personnel you have and sufficient to attract well-prepared, promising additions? Since teachers' salaries can amount to as much as 85 per cent of total school expenditures, it is everybody's business to find the answer to this question.

Some teachers are so underpaid that they have to take part-time jobs to get by. You would probably be alarmed, and rightly so, to see your doctor, lawyer, or dentist working on the side to make ends meet. It is just one of those things which should not happen.

When a teacher is forced by economic necessity to take on unrelated tasks, it is a drain on his energy and a disservice to his students and the total community. A tired teacher is no bargain; neither is a worried one—and the salary situation is not good in many places.

Recent surveys indicate that 73 per cent of all male teachers and 17 per cent of the women supplement their teaching salaries with outside income.

Surveys also show that elementary and secondary school teachers are receiving a national salary average of a little over \$4,000. Do you consider this a fair wage for a professional person in these times of high taxes and spiraling costs? The New York Times does not seem to think so.

In a March 1957 editorial, this newspaper remarked that a man in New York City can make as much money in service work, that requires no professional training, "as he can at the city's minimum for teachers." This same situation exists in most large cities.

One business leader not long ago sat down and studied the teacher salary problem. He concluded his research this way: "When a teacher's income gets up to a point where you will suggest to your boy that he ought to give some thought to teaching as a profession, then we may be approaching the right figure."

Beyond a shadow of doubt, teachers and parents are the profession's most effective "employment agencies," because many youngsters begin thinking about their careers as early as the seventh or eighth grades.

When school authorities seek to improve the teacher salary schedule in a district, they submit the financial program directly to the voters or to the city council, mayor, town meeting, municipal finance committee, or other budget agency.

Authors Mort and Vincent in their little book A Look at Our Schools comment: "The school budget is the community's most important instrument of educational policy. . . Rather than view it with alarm, the public should view it as buyers of a service."

Low school budgets seldom tally up to real saving to a community or a taxpayer. Wrangling over the budget—when the need and the importance are obvious—merely demoralizes the educators.

Some citizens, realizing this, consent to having their tax assessments raised instead of sacrificing educational programs. Real estate people, who make it their business to watch community development

and prosperity, report that a good school system is a town's best selling point. Many civic groups and community clubs are doing yeoman service to enhance the attractions and status of the teaching profession. They are providing critically-needed advice and guidance, understanding and leadership, and are telling the school story whenever and wherever it must be told.

Communities with the best schools and the finest teachers are, invariably, those where citizens have all the facts, act on the facts, and cooperate fully with school authorities.

All this brings us back to you. Citizen action can benefit teachers' morale and lead to a smoothly-operating public school system; apathy has the opposite effect.



Dec. 1—Ocracokers were pleased to learn through the newspaper of the proposed Ocracoke-Cedar Island ferry project, in which the Taylor brothers of Sea Level are evidencing a genuine interest. Nothing would please them more than the establishment of this final link in the All Seashore Highway.

Joyce Midgett and Robert Spencer, both of Ocracoke, were married in New Bern on Nov. 24. They have returned home and are living in their new residence here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cochran enjoyed several days on the mainland recently. Others who left the island for Thanksgiving included Mr. and Mrs. Van Henry O'Neal and family, who went to Washington and Vancorbo. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler, who went to Washington and Elizabeth City. Mr. and Mrs. Taft Howard and family, who went to Norfolk. All of these are now back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Savage are back at Ocracoke with little Philip Jr., after several weeks in Aberdeen, Md.

Larry Williams, Billy Wahab Taylor, and Carolyn Garrish drove down from Norfolk for Thanksgiving with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Norton Hamilton of Richmond spent several days at their summer home.

Mrs. Myra Wahab is planning a visit with her father, J. N. Edwards, in Belhaven.

Charlie Ahman is visiting his brother, John and Mrs. Ahman in Charlottesville, Va.

Mrs. Cynthia Scarborough has returned home after a visit of several weeks with her son, Allan Scarborough and his family in Woodbury, N. J.

Mrs. Calvin O'Neal and son, Ike D., left Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. David Styron and family in Wilmington, Del.

Meetings next week include that of the Ocracoke Civic Club on Monday night, Dec. 8. Circles 1 and 2 of the Woman's Society will enjoy their annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday night, Dec. 9, and the Willing Workers Class its Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 13.

November Court Receipts Amount to \$2,522.89

Court receipts for November totaled \$2,522.89, according to A. H. James, clerk of superior court. Mr. James reported to the county board of commissioners last Monday.

Received from county recorder's court was \$1,532.75, from superior court \$867.95 and probate and clerk's fees amounted to \$102.19.

Delaware was the first state to ratify the US Constitution.

William Gorges Honored by Unit

T/Sgt. William Gorges, Atlantic, was named airman of the month for the 9948th Air Reserve Squadron. Sergeant Gorges is a member of Flight E, Morehead City.

Sergeant Gorges, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, entered the US Army in 1941. He attended radio and radar school at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He was supervisor of the radio maintenance section at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., during his tour of duty with the Army. He was discharged as a master sergeant in 1945.

Since that time he has been employed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, as a radio mechanic. At the present time he is also working part-time as an electronics instructor in the Naval Apprentice School.

Sergeant Gorges joined the Air Force Reserve in 1957 and is one of the original members of Flight E. He has been instrumental in recruiting several new members for his flight. He has an excellent attendance record and is one of the airmen that has a matched assignment and is working in his awarded AFSC.

He is married to the former Avis Styron of Atlantic and has three children. He is active in the Down East Fire Department, Cub Scouts, and is a member of the Elks.



William Gorges, airman of month



Dec. 4 — Revival services are being conducted this week at Graham's Chapel by the Rev. S. L. Wichard of Harkers Island.

Union services were held at the Mt. Pleasant church Sunday night. Quite a large crowd attended.

A housewarming shower was given for Mrs. Fred Bohmuller at the home of her mother, Mrs. Willie Garner, Friday night. The honoree received many nice gifts.

Mr. Eugene Edwards who is attending college at Murfreesboro, Tenn., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Edwards.

Mrs. Gilford Cannon and daughter, Nola Faye, attended funeral services for her uncle, Mr. Eddie Ketchum, who died while hunting, Friday at Raven Wood Forest.

Mrs. Ira Culpepper is still on the sick list. We all wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Richmond spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with relatives.

A singing convention will be held at Mt. Pleasant church Sunday at 2:30. Everyone is invited.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Styron and family of Davis spent a while Thursday evening in the community.

Mrs. Perry Smith of Maysville is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. Gilford Cannon.

We are glad that Mrs. Hugh

Bands March in Wednesday Parade



The Morehead City band led the Beaufort Christmas parade Wednesday afternoon. Here they march in front of a large crowd at Craven and Front Streets.



The Queen Street band, marching in brand new uniforms, braved rain and bad weather to take part in the Christmas parade. The new uniforms are black and orange.

Photos by Bob Seymour



Dec. 5—Little Miss Cynthia Tickle, who was a patient at Dr. Sidbury's Hospital a few days last week, returned home Sunday. Her father, Mr. William Tickle, drove to Wilmington Sunday to bring his wife and daughter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin visited relatives at Cedar Island Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Lupton of Atlantic visited relatives here one day last week.

Mrs. Charlie Pake, Mrs. Bessie Warren and Mrs. Frank McIntosh motored to Cherry Point Tuesday.

Mr. David Guthrie of Port Arthur, Tex., who is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ollie Bell, visited his cousin, Dallas Willis Jr., Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Fulcher and children of Morehead City and Mrs. Bobby Oglesby and children of Crab Point visited Mrs. Dallas Willis last Friday.

Mr. Baker Lupton spent the holidays with his family at Suffolk,

Whaley, who has been on the sick list, is better.

Mr. Derryl Mann, a student at UNC, spent the holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Merrill and family, Mrs. W. W. Russell, Mrs. George Russell, Mrs. Riley Norman, Mrs. I. T. Fodrie, Mrs. Bennie Whitley, Mrs. Roy Carraway, Mrs. Leon Fodrie and Mrs. Robert Gray of Russells Creek attended services at Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday night.

Miss Rita Mann and James Small, students at ECC, spent the weekend with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Williams of Newport and Mr. Russell of Cherry Point spent Saturday afternoon in the community.

Mr. Bobby Tew of Havelock spent a short while in the community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Collins spent a while Thursday at Fayetteville with her mother.

Mrs. Helen French, Mrs. Rex Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson all of Pennsylvania spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walker and family were called home to Alabama due to the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Theron Johnson and son and Mrs. Mattie Smith spent a while Tuesday in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Early Whaley and family have moved to Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Townes and family of Buena Vista, Va., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haskett.

Mrs. Etta Collins is spending a while with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Culpepper, the Misses Ruth Ann Jones and Kay Jones and Mrs. Lockhart attended the union meeting at Cedar Island Saturday.



The Beaufort band, led by these high-stepping majorettes, brought up the rear. By the time the Beaufort band got into the business section, the rain was falling hard and fast but it did not dampen the spirits of the crowds or the band.

returning here Monday to attend to business.

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