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## CHILDREN OF NORTH CAROLINA

### GIVE THEM THE BEST

We must make the common schools for the training and education of our children as good as any in the world. We ought to glory in the difficulties overcome and progress made in this sacred and patriotic work of the last twenty years; but we want to go on, and ever on, until the precious boys and girls of our state have an equal chance with any in the wide world for a modern and up-to-date education.—Governor Cameron Morrison.

### STATE POLICY COMMENDED

North Carolina has given a striking example of what is probably the clearest, simplest, and wisest policy of applying state funds to public education. This is a remarkable performance, and the principles should be precisely the same in meeting the requirements of the more highly developed situations in New York, Illinois, and California.—Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning, Report of 1922.

### A BENEVOLENT OCTOPUS

The University of North Carolina is—save the mark!—an octopus. There is no better definition which will suggest the completeness with which this institution is assuming charge of the intellectual thought and purpose of this state.

For its tentacles are stretched out over North Carolina, touching the life in every hamlet, village and city. It is drawing to itself the best that this state has to offer in the way of scholarly ambitions of its aspiring youth.

But it is a benevolent octopus. What it takes, it returns manifold. It touches communities not to blight but to bless. Its ambition is to liberate rather than enslave the minds of men. The power which it seeks is the power to serve the state.

No institution in North Carolina deserves so well of the people. No institution possesses such infinite possibilities for enriching the life of the state and for keeping the feet of our citizens forever planted in the paths of progress.—Asheville Times.

### MILLIONS WE SQUANDER

The following budget furnished by a college president gives us something to think about. We squander every year in the United States:

For tobacco—cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing ..... \$2,100,000,000  
For movies ..... 1,000,000,000  
For candy ..... 2,230,000,000  
For cosmetics, perfumes, scented toilet soap, face powder, etc. .... 1,950,000,000  
For jewelry ..... 500,000,000  
For furs ..... 350,000,000  
For soft drinks ..... 300,000,000  
For chewing gum ..... 50,000,000  
For races, joy rides, and pleasure resorts ..... 3,000,000,000  
For luxuries of all kinds, we spend yearly ..... \$22,700,000,000

Against this we spend yearly:  
For all education ..... \$1,000,000,000  
For grade schools ..... 650,000,000  
For colleges and professional schools ..... 150,000,000  
For public high schools ..... 100,000,000  
For normal schools ..... 20,500,000  
For all church schools and colleges ..... 25,000,000  
—Current Opinion

### BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN

What twenty-five books would you choose first for a one-room country school? To help answer this question and to stimulate interest in school libraries a voting contest was held by the American Library Association at its convention in Detroit, June 26—July 1, and by the National Education Association at its conference in Boston, July 3—8. The one hundred titles printed below, from which the twenty-five were chosen, were taken from the Graded List of Books for Children compiled by the N. E. A. and published by the A. L. A.

- 1 Aanrud. Lisbeth Longfrock.
- 2 Aesop's Fables.
- 3 Adams. Harper's indoor book for

- boys.
- 4 Alcott. Little women.
- 5 Allen. New Europe.
- 6 Altschuler. Young trailers.
- 7 Baldwin. Fifty famous stories.
- 8 Andersen. Fairy tales.
- 9 Arabian nights.
- 10 Bancroft. Games for the playground, etc.
- 11 Bennett. Barnaby Lee.
- 12 Bennett. Master Skylark.
- 13 Blackmore. Lorna Doone.
- 14 Borup. Tenderfoot with Peary.
- 15 Bulfinch. Age of fable.
- 16 Bullen. Cruise of the Cachalot.
- 17 Caldecott. Panjandrum book.
- 18 Carpenter. Foods and their uses.
- 19 Carroll. Alice in Wonderland and through the looking glass.
- 20 Chamberlain. North America.
- 21 Colum. Adventures of Odysseus.
- 22 Colum. Children of Odin.
- 23 Comstock. Insect life.
- 24 Cooper. Last of the Mohicans.
- 25 Cox. The Brownies; their book.
- 26 Defoe. Robinson Crusoe.
- 27 Dickens. Christmas Carol.
- 28 Dickens. David Copperfield.
- 29 Dodge. Hans Brinker.
- 30 DuChailu. Land of the long night.
- 31 Eggleston. Stories of great Americans.
- 32 Ewing. Jackanapes.
- 33 Fiske. History of the United States.
- 34 Franklin. Autobiography.
- 35 Gilbert. More than conquerors.
- 36 Grimm. Household stories.
- 37 Hagedorn. Boys' life of Theodore Roosevelt.
- 38 Hale. Peterkin papers.
- 39 Hall. Boy craftsman.
- 40 Harris. Uncle Remus—his songs and his sayings.
- 41 Haskell. Katrinka.
- 42 Haskin. American government.
- 43 Hawthorne. Tanglewood tales.
- 44 Hawthorne. Wonderbook for boys and girls.
- 45 Hornaday. American natural history.
- 46 Hughes. Tom Brown's school days.
- 47 Irving. Rip Van Winkle.
- 48 Jacobs. English fairy tales.
- 49 Jewett. Good health.
- 50 Keeler. Our native trees and how to identify them.
- 51 Keller. Story of my life.
- 52 Kingsley. The heroes.
- 53 Kipling. Captains courageous.
- 54 Kipling. Jungle book.
- 55 Kipling. Just so stories.
- 56 Lagerlof. Wonderful adventures of Nils.
- 57 Lamb. Tales from Shakespeare.
- 58 Lang. Blue fairy book.
- 59 Lodge and Roosevelt. Hero tales from American history.
- 60 Lofting. Dr. Dolittle.
- 61 London. Call of the Wild.
- 62 Lorenzini. Pinocchio.
- 63 MacDonald. The princess and the goblin.
- 64 Malory. Boys' King Arthur.
- 65 Masefield. Jim Davis.
- 66 Mathews. Book of birds for young people.
- 67 Meadowcroft. Boys' life of Edison.
- 68 Mitton. Children's book of stars.
- 69 Morgan. Boys' home book of science and construction.
- 70 Mother Goose.
- 71 Muir. Story of my boyhood and youth.
- 72 Nicolay. Boys' life of Abraham Lincoln.
- 73 Paine. Boys' life of Mark Twain.
- 74 Parkman. Oregon trail.
- 75 Plutarch. Boys' and girls' Plutarch.
- 76 Price. Land we live in.
- 77 Pyle. Men and iron.
- 78 Pyle. Merry adventures of Robin Hood.
- 79 Riis. The making of an American.
- 80 Scott. Ivanhoe.
- 81 Scudder. George Washington.
- 82 Seton. Wild animals I have known.
- 83 Shaw. Story of a pioneer.
- 84 Slosson. Creative chemistry.
- 85 Smith. Farm book.
- 86 Spyri. Heidi.
- 87 Stevenson, B. E. Days and deeds,

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94 Verne. 20,000 leagues under the sea.  
95 Verrill. Pets for pleasure and profit.  
96 Wallace. Lure of the Labrador wild.  
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## KNOW NORTH CAROLINA A South Carolina Verdict

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## CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS

There are 275 newspapers and periodical publications in North Carolina. Of these, 239 are published at least as often as once a week—37 daily, 2 tri-weekly, 26 semi-weekly, and 174 weekly—and therefore may be considered newspapers, as distinguished from trade journals and other publications with particularist interests.

Of the 239 newspapers, in the stricter sense, possibly 85 or 90 are worth reading. The others consist of legal notices, patent medicine advertising, occasional straggling display advertisements of local merchants, with a thin dilution of local news of the most trifling and inconsequential nature. They are usually published as mere appendages to a job-printing business, and are not taken seriously by anybody, least of all by the publisher. They may be dismissed from any serious consideration of the North Carolina press.

## The Country Weekly

Ayers' Directory notes 160 different places of publication in the state, of which 80 are county seats. It follows that 20 counties in the state are without any newspaper whatever issuing from the county seat. This, however, is of small importance, as in a number

of counties the most important town is not the county seat. What is more serious is the fact that several counties possess more than one good newspaper; which means that others are without any. The increasing efficiency of the state news service of the big dailies has in some measure removed the need of a county newspaper; but it has not entirely removed it, and never will. The field is too immense ever to be covered by the dailies, and a first-rate county newspaper is still essential to the development of a first-rate county.

A total of 85 or 90 real newspapers balanced against 150 compilations of junk may at first sight seem a small proportion of efficiency. But it is not. On the contrary, it is rather high, as a careful examination of the press of any of our neighbor states will show. The newspaper standard of North Carolina is exceptionally high. The papers that make any pretense of efficiency usually are efficient. Their news columns are not only clean, but usually accurate and uncolored. Their editorial pages, as a rule, are fair, sensible and honest; and even the exceptions to this rule rarely drop into billingsgate.

### Our Daily Press

The absence of any large city in the state has prevented the development of

any one great, overshadowing newspaper or group of newspapers. Raleigh, Charlotte, and Greensboro, owing to exceptionally good train service, have developed the three largest dailies; but none of them has any great circulation, and all of them combined circulate fewer copies than papers in such cities as Memphis, Atlanta, and New Orleans. Nevertheless, despite the heavy financial handicap of small circulation, any one of them will bear comparison with the best that the larger southern cities can produce.

The North Carolina press is as strong as any in the South, and stronger than most. Nevertheless, it indubitably does have a tendency towards parochialism and a too limited range of interest. Not a newspaper in the state maintains a music, literary, or dramatic critic whose opinions command respect; and while it is worthy of praise for its sanity and honesty, nobody would ever accuse the North Carolina press of brilliance. It views the fine arts with something akin to suspicion, and the battle of ideas with indifference. It is truly representative of its state—it has most of the solid virtues, but precious few graces.—Gerald W. Johnson.

## FOOD AND FEED SUPPLIES IN 1920

### The Percents of Needed Supplies Produced at Home

Based (1) on the 1920 census of quantities and values of bread and meat produced on the farms of each county, reckoned on farm values, not retail prices, (2) on standard, staple farm, orchard, and garden products—not extras, dainties, and luxuries of diet, (3) on the consuming population of folks and farm animals, and (4) on the per capita consumption averages used in the University News Letter Vol. VIII, No. 20.

State bill for imported food and feed supplies in 1920, \$237,000,000. The state produced a little over half what was needed for man and beast. Thirty-four states made a better showing.

The self-feeding counties of the state were three—Currituck, Alleghany, and Camden. Northampton is practically so; the rest were all deficit counties in 1920.

This table is a revision and re-arrangement of the table in Vol. VIII, No. 31.

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Rank	Surplus Counties	Extent Self-Feeding Percent	Surplus or Deficit	Rank	Deficit Counties	Extent Self-Feeding Percent	Deficit
1	Currituck	119	\$ 297,000	46	Montgomery	54	\$1,264,000
2	Alleghany	106	101,000	46	Cleveland	54	3,035,000
3	Camden	102	30,000	52	Moore	53	1,866,000
				53	Caldwell	52	1,884,000
				53	Wayne	52	3,953,000
4	Northampton	100	5,000	53	Robeson	52	4,858,000
5	Hertford	98	82,000	53	Harnett	52	2,537,000
6	Alexander	97	68,000	57	Scotland	50	1,425,000
7	Pamlico	92	139,000	57	Columbus	50	2,473,000
8	Bertie	89	518,000	59	Edgecombe	49	3,671,000
9	Chowan	88	239,000	59	Transylvania	49	899,000
10	Tyrrell	85	160,000	59	Pitt	49	4,443,000
11	Hyde	79	383,000	62	Union	48	3,713,000
12	Gates	78	472,000	62	Avery	48	995,000
13	Clay	77	287,000	62	Surry	48	3,110,000
14	Martin	75	1,016,000	62	Rutherford	48	3,061,000
14	Washington	75	528,000	62	Person	48	1,928,000
16	Ashe	74	1,144,000	62	Bladen	48	1,946,000
17	Duplin	72	1,678,000	68	Burke	47	2,228,000
17	Perquimans	72	640,000	68	Jones	47	1,072,000
19	Sampson	71	2,073,000	70	Wilson	46	3,688,000
19	Macon	71	748,000	71	Alamance	45	3,374,000
21	Watauga	70	818,000	71	Halifax	45	4,390,000
22	Pender	69	890,000	73	Onslow	44	1,623,000
23	Randolph	67	2,024,000	73	Anson	44	3,021,000
24	Yadkin	66	1,106,000	73	Lee	44	1,375,000
24	Madison	66	1,351,000	73	Lenoir	44	3,077,000
26	Davie	65	936,000	73	Warren	44	2,305,000
27	Chatham	64	1,744,000	78	Cabarrus	43	3,524,000
28	Pasquotank	62	1,311,000	78	Granville	43	2,921,000
28	Orange	62	1,294,000	78	Stanly	43	2,896,000
28	Iredell	62	2,738,000	78	Swain	43	1,398,000
28	Greene	62	1,247,000	82	Nash	41	4,445,000
32	Yancey	61	1,166,000	82	Franklin	41	3,014,000
33	Johnston	60	3,855,000	84	Brunswick	40	1,668,000
34	Beaufort	59	2,857,000	84	Buncombe	40	6,891,000
35	Lincoln	58	1,427,000	84	Cumberland	40	3,802,000
35	Jackson	58	1,125,000	87	McDowell	38	1,881,000
35	Wilkes	58	2,576,000	88	Rockingham	35	5,117,000
35	Mitchell	58	964,000	89	Richmond	34	2,990,000
39	Davidson	57	2,830,000	89	Wake	34	8,858,000
40	Hoke	56	964,000	91	Craven	33	3,462,000
40	Graham	56	446,000	92	Guilford	32	9,463,000
40	Henderson	56	1,529,000	93	Mecklenburg	29	9,967,000
40	Haywood	56	1,998,000	94	Carteret	28	1,895,000
44	Caswell	55	1,389,000	94	Forsyth	28	9,294,000
44	Catawba	55	2,836,000	96	Gaston	27	6,533,000
46	Stokes	54	1,841,000	96	Vance	27	2,991,000
46	Rowan	54	3,773,000	98	Durham	18	5,798,000
46	Polk	54	1,775,000	99	New Hanover	9	5,852,000
46	Cherokee	54	1,857,000	100	Dare	7	791,000