

## Seniors Writing Source Themes

Meeting the request made by C. H. Fries, Jr., assistant superintendent of Nash County schools, that all senior English classes write a source theme, Bailey seniors are at work on a topic dealing with some phase of English literature up to the seventeenth century.

Although this has not been made a yearly practice in Bailey, it has been done several times before.

### REQUIREMENTS

All themes must contain an outline, a bibliography, and footnotes. These, plus the theme, must be typewritten; and each student must write on a different subject, of which there were 35 from which to choose.

This requirement gives senior students practice in doing research work, organizing material, and writing long detail accounts.

### DEADLINES

November 24, November 30, December 3, and December 7, are the dates themes are due. These four dates were set aside so that the limited material would be available over a longer period and so that all themes would not have to be graded at one time.

As a help to the students in writing these term papers, the class first had a unit on "Investigating, Planning, and Writing," and each member was assisted in deciding upon the desired purpose to be accomplished.

## Per Cent Attendance Up; Number Students Down

### Tape Recorder Helps To Improve Voice

Improving one's voice is being stressed in the English Classes as students' voices are recorded, played back, and then individually criticized.

English teachers have pointed out that the use of the new tape recorder can help students improve their speaking and listening powers in many ways:

1. Helps to detect grammatical errors and needed improvement in voice and modulation.
  2. Gets one accustomed to a microphone.
  3. Trains for future vocations, particularly radio and television.
  4. Lets one hear himself as others hear him.
- By detecting their errors, students can improve their speaking, teachers avow.

School attendance headed upward during the second month compared with last year's similar record, boasts M. W. Weaver, principal. He added that the first month's attendance was a "little under" last year's, although the second month's was "much better."

During the second month of school at Bailey there were many absences, some of which were caused by sickness. Out of a total of 757 absences in the elementary grades in September, 261 of them were caused by illness.

### HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCES

In high school there was a total of 323 absences, 21 caused by sickness.

The per cent of attendance in the entire school was 91 with a total of 1,080 absences.

Mr. Weaver reported that the number of students has dropped but the per cent of attendance is up.



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