

COMPARISON OF SCHOOLS NOW AND 30 YEARS AGO

Great Growth of County School System Shown; Cost Not Out of Proportion With Growth And Service Rendered

Thirty years has witnessed great strides in the educational life of Halifax county according to figures compiled by County Superintendent A. E. Akers.

While the cost of the rural and school system of the county may seem large in comparison with that of 1900 a study of the census, enrollment, attendance and type of schools and training will show that it costs very little more per pupil now than it did thirty years ago, when there were no high schools in the county, no free transportation, shorter terms, less qualified teachers and half the number of courses taught.

Longest strides have been made by the white city and rural schools. The school census in 1900 was 3,726; in 1928 it was 6,157, an increase of 65 per cent. The school enrollment in 1900 was only 1779 as compared with 5,504 in 1928, an increase of 203 per cent. The above figures show that the population of the county has increased at least 65 per cent in the past thirty years, while the percentage of children enrolled in the schools has more than trebled. Practically every white child of school age is now enrolled. In 1900 only one half of them were in school at all.

The average daily attendance, upon which cost and financing figures are mainly based, in 1900, was only 1,011, less than one third of the school children of the county. In 1928, the daily average attendance was 4,739, about 90 per cent of the children of school age in the county. This is an increase of 367 per cent and is full evidence of the greater interest in education and of the increased facilities to take care of the children of the county.

Increased total cost of education can be easily seen with the great increases in the number of children of school age, the number enrolled and the number attending regularly.

Another factor which has increased total costs is in the lengthened terms. In 1900 there were 121 school days, while in 1928 there were 176, an increase of 45 days in the year. The total number of days attended in 1900 was 307,371 as compared to 1,444,543 in 1928.

Other factors which have served to increase the total amounts spent on education in the county in the past few years include the cost of High Schools. In 1900 there was not a single high school in Halifax county, while in 1928 there were one thousand high school students in the county. The cost of teaching High School pupils is more than teaching graded school students. Last year, High Schools alone cost the county \$23,398, which was almost enough to run the entire school system in 1900.

Transportation of students is another big item unheard of thirty years ago. Last year it cost \$23,000 to transport Halifax County children to and from school. In 1900, free transportation of school children was unknown.

The number of subjects taught today has doubled over the number taught thirty years ago, with proportionate increase in cost. Teachers are required to have at least two more years training than they had in 1900 and are paid accordingly, thus helping to swell the total cost.

Taking all these facts into account and with the government statistics showing that the dollar as deflated in purchasing power 2.20 to 1 since 1915, with the additional services rendered and the type of education now possible for the poorest child of the county, education is little more expensive today than it was thirty years ago in Halifax county.

We asked Mr. Akers the approximate cost per year of educating a child in the Twin Cities. He figured about \$50 per year. It costs about \$250 per year to provide education for the children of a man with five children. Our deduction was that somebody else was paying for educating most of the children here, as very few individuals pay as much as \$250 a year in school taxes. It is evident that the mills and corporations are paying for the education of most of the children of this community, a fact some of us may overlook.

Miss Hattie Liffey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Octavius Griffin has returned to her home in Emporia, Va.

A BED TIME STORY

J. C. Wells, grocer on Tenth Street is the owner of a radio which does more than catch the ether waves. This radio also catches mice.

* * * * * HOSPITAL NEWS * * * * *

Recent births at the hospital: To Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dobbins, a boy, Sept 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Dixon, twin boys, Sept. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barrow, a girl, Sept 25.

Recent patients who have been admitted to the hospital: Mrs. Ethel Crewe of Pleasant Hill, Mrs. T. E. Rook of Roanoke Rapids, Miss Blanche Dorsey, Miss Lois Woodard, Mrs. J. E. Worrick of Jackson, Mrs. Daisy Edwards, Mrs. J. E. Babb, Mrs. Mamie Jordan of Seaboard, Mr. Mack Carter of the Twin Cities, Miss Alice May Harris of Aurelian Springs, Mrs. Laura Whitaker, Mr. A. E. Bridges of Potocasi, Mr. John Chappel and Mr. S. W. Clewis.

Patients who have returned to their homes: Mrs. J. W. Early, Mrs. L. M. Morgan of Seaboard, Mrs. W. W. Kirkland of Littleton, Mrs. J. A. Suiter and baby.

Miss Emilie Elliott completed her duties with the Roanoke Rapids hospital Saturday.

Mitchell Receives Another Warning From His Enemies

(Roanoke News)

Deputy Sheriff W. C. Mitchell has received another communication from some of his enemies. On last Tuesday morning while he was absent from his home, the missive was found in the front porch. This communication was in far less dangerous form than the bullets which formed the last one. The latter warning tends to be artistic. A skull mounts the following gruesome letter partially couched in verse:

"We haven't but one skeleton head so we can't carry one to every officer's house and we wish you would carry this note around and let all of your gang see it. Especially Mr. Dobbins and Mr. Green and tell them both of them to stay in Rosemary and keep out of places they have no business. This is for Mr. Mitchell, also. "If your resignation isn't put in very soon we are going to put you on your God Dam Nubbs. "P.S. This little note is for Mr. Mitchell, himself. We have heard that you was going to resign. We think it would be advisable before it is too late.

"NOTICE
"To all police officers and deputy sheriffs in Halifax county and surrounding counties:
"One up two up BANG,
better not mess with the Halifax Gang.
If you do it will be la pity for you Two black eyes and a bloody nose too
We are the stuff
We are the boys that never get enough.
"The unknown organization of Halifax co."

Considerable mystery surrounds the placing of the warning. It was not on the porch when Mr. Mitchell left the house; no one was seen to place it, yet the note was found later.

Mrs. C. H. Lyerly is spending the week in Norfolk with her sister, after undergoing an operation on her throat. She is improving rapidly and will return the last of this week.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Frank Nash in her delightful manner was hostess to the Friday Afternoon bridge club at her home "Sunnyside."

The home was made attractive for the occasion by the use of lovely vases of fall flowers. A short business meeting preceded the playing and at this time two new members were elected to the club, Mrs. C. R. Emery and Mrs. S. J. Bounds. At the conclusion of six progressions the scores were collected and Mrs. Alfred Martin was presented a most attractive green flower bowl as winner of high score. A delicious plate of salad was served the following players: Meedames Hunt Parker, Julian Allbrook, Alfred Martin, Howard Pruden, David Traynham, Frank Hawley, F. G. Jarman, Wiley Long, T. W. M. Long, J. M. Jackson, George Hayes, W. S. Dean, Payne Beckwith, T. W. Mullen, Frank Williams and Miss Susan Holliday.

RUN SCHOOL IN SHIFTS

City School Enrollment Continues to Climb; New Totals 2,172; 1st Grade in Shifts

Enrollment at the Twin City schools continues to increase every day with no signs of diminishing in the next two weeks.

At the end of the second week the enrollment in the white schools of the city had jumped to 1,961 with the colored schools enrolling 211, making a grand total of 2,172.

This is 354 more than were enrolled at the end of four weeks last year. In two more weeks, which will make an exact comparison with last year, it appears that the increase will reach nearly 400.

Part of this number will be forced into school after the truant officer gets on the job, as it is reported there are at least fifty children of school age who have not entered.

JOYNER IS APPOINTED

W. F. Joyner Appointed County Commissioner to Fill L. G. Shell Vacancy on Board

Mr. W. F. Joyner has been tendered the appointment of County Commissioner of Halifax County, according to a message received here this week from S. M. Gary, Clerk of the Superior Court.

The appointment is to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. L. G. Shell, who recently resigned as Commissioner from Roanoke Rapids Township.

Mr. Joyner told The Herald yesterday that he would accept the appointment and would sit as the representative of this township at the next meeting of the County Board.

After Mr. Shell's resignation was accepted by the Board at its last meeting, many citizens of this township asked Mr. Gary to appoint Mr. Joyner to the vacancy. So far as is known, no one else was mentioned for the office, Mr. Joyner having the unanimous support of all interested.

The new member of the Board is one of the civic leaders of the Twin Cities. He is president and manager of the Joyner Motor Company, president of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the City School Board. He has been giving a good portion of his time and efforts to public affairs for some time and his appointment as a member of the County Board of Commissioners should meet with widespread approval in this township.

May Open Fair With A Football Game

Secretary W. H. Joyner of the Halifax County Fair Association has notified The Herald that all plans are completed for the big opening day of the fair on Tuesday, October 15. This will be School Children Day and a special program has been arranged. Free acts and fireworks display will be part of the entertainment. It is possible that a football game will be a part of the first day program with the Twin City Yellowjackets meeting some worthy foe. The fair grounds on the Weldon road is being renovated, remodeled and repaired for Fair week.

PIG CLUB IS STARTED AT AURELIAN SPRINGS

By C. W. JACKSON

Mr. F. L. Nash, president of the Citizen's Bank and Trust Company, of Rosemary, presented his proposition of promoting vocational agriculture in the Aurelian Springs School, to a group of Young Tar Heel Farmers in the school auditorium Friday evening, September 20. Approximately thirty five boys were present at the meeting. Nearly twenty signified a desire to join the Pig Club. Mr. Nash offered to let each reliable boy have the money to purchase a pure bred pig and let the returns from his project pay for the money borrowed. This would necessitate a loan for about 12 months. Details of this program are to be worked out within the next few days by Mr. Nash and the agricultural teacher.

Following the discussion, sixteen young farmers were initiated as "Green Hands" into the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club. The initiation was closely associated with farm life. Each boy was blindfolded and brought into the room. His left hand was placed in a pan of green dye which he thought was dew taken from his project in cotton. He was forced to swallow a long piece of spaghetti, that was revealed to him as an earthworm. He was then asked to twist a piece of metal which he had been told was a bull's tail and that he had the job of taming the bull by twisting his tail. The "bull's tail" was wired to a hot shot battery and a Ford coil and gave a strong electrical kick when it was twisted.

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Yellow Jackets To Scrimmage Tuesday

First real scrimmage for the Yellowjackets is promised for next Tuesday afternoon by Coach Parks. It is hoped to have the Enfield team up for the scrimmage, but if they do not come, two teams from the squad will be selected. Edwin Akers, one of the old timers back this year, was injured in practice yesterday and may miss the first game of the season, but should be in good shape for the second game. The coach is putting the boys thru some hard work to get them toughened up and the youngsters are taking it in pretty good spirit. They should be in good shape for the first game. There should be a good sprinkling of fans out for the scrimmage Tuesday.

BILL ALLIGOOD TO ENTER ART SCHOOL

Bill Alligood, popular young citizen of the Twin Cities is leaving on Saturday to enter the Art Institute at Pittsburg, where he will study commercial art. Bill has resigned his position as member of the designing staff of Rosemary Manufacturing Company. He will be greatly missed here especially by the boys of the city. His work with the youth of the Twin Cities has been the cause of much favorable comment. He leaves with the best wishes for success by his many friends.

CANCER CLINIC

Again we wish to call attention to the Cancer Clinic to be held at Roanoke Rapids the week beginning Oct. 7th, 1929. There is no cost for examination, and we earnestly urge everyone who has the least suspicion of any trouble that might lead to cancer, to attend this clinic. Remember that delay is DANGEROUS. What today may be a very simple matter, may in a short time mean disaster.

O. F. SMITH, M. D., Scotland Neck, N. C.

J. W. MARTIN, M. D., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Committee for Halifax County.

Mrs. V. P. Helms of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting Mrs. T. F. Gaddy.

Messrs. William Lashley and Connie Lashley of Fayetteville, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Powell Monday.