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LANG DISCUSSES YOUTH PROBLEMS BEFORE TEACHERS

Meeting Held At William R. Davie School Monday

—The unemployment situation and the poor health conditions among the youth of the state are two problems facing the schools today, John A. Lang, State Director of the NYA, told members of the School Masters Club of Northampton and Halifax counties at a meeting at the William R. Davie school Monday night.

Mr. Lang was introduced to the school administrators, teachers and visitors by J. Winfield Crew, Jr., attorney of this city. The program was in charge of James M. Dunlap, principal of the school, who introduced the guests at the meeting.

In addition to the speech by Mr. Lang, short talks were made by V. C. Matthews, Superintendent of County Schools; C. W. Davis, Superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids Schools; Dr. Walter Wilkins of the State Health Department; Dr. Robert Young of the County Health Department; Miss MacVeigh Hutchinson of the State Health Department; and Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Lang, who emphasized the employment aspect of the youth problems, said that today there are approximately 150,000 young men between the ages of 16 and 25 (the ages included in the NYA program) in the State of North Carolina without work, while at the same time there are millions of jobs in the nations literally begging for men. The trouble, he said, is that the men without the jobs are not qualified, have not been trained to fill the jobs that are open and are opening all the time. "I am afraid we have missed the boat in our schools," he said.

The State Director pointed out that the dictators of the totalitarian countries would not permit such unemployment to exist, that they would see to it that those boys, and girls, were trained for some job for which they had mental and physical aptitudes.

He said that America must fight the dictators with their own weapons and that the teaching of the youth to produce machines, grow crops, and build is the first line of defense.

"We must forget the old idea of teaching boys and girls to conjugate verbs and decline nouns in order that they may be fitted for college; we must teach them to use their hands, for about 95 per cent. of them will employ their hands in earning their living," he declared.

In talking about the health of the youth of today, Mr. Lang said that the Selective Service Act is bringing out a fact that has needed attention for a long time. One out of every five men who have been called up for physical examinations have been found unfit for service because of physical disability, he said. This situation should be remedied through the

schools of the nation, he declared.

In closing his speech, Mr. Lang said that schools must adjust themselves to the "New Economics" of the world, that they cannot go on teaching the things that they have in the past.

"The youth must be analyzed for his abilities and the God-given attributes drawn out of him", the speaker concluded.

In addition to the above mentioned guests, Nat Hockaday, member of the William R. Davie school board, was present at the meeting. About 60 were present at the dinner meeting.

Resident Of County Dies After Wreck

Mrs. Eron Pope Allsbrook, 49, wife of Ernest F. Allsbrook of Scotland Neck, was injured fatally Friday night when a car in which she was riding left Highway 258 near Murfreesboro and overturned.

The car's driver, Carlton Barron of Norfolk, Va., was taken into custody Saturday and placed in jail pending further investigation by officers and the coroner.

Funeral services for Mrs. Allsbrook were held Sunday at a local funeral home with the Rev. W. E. Goode, Baptist pastor, in charge. The rites were at 2:30 and burial was in the Baptist cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Allsbrook are her husband; four sons, Reginald and John Wilson Allsbrook, both of Norfolk; Henry and Gilbert, Scotland Neck; two daughters, Mrs. Ashley Knight of Newport News, Va., and Miss Emily Allsbrook of Scotland Neck; one sister, Mrs. Billie Grimes of Leggett; two brothers, Henry Pope and Lonnie Pope of Enfield.

W. M. Farber spent the weekend in Greensboro.

W. A. Teele Is Transferred To Richmond

The transfer of W. A. Teele, sales engineer of the Virginia Electric and Power Company here, to the Richmond, Va., office was announced by the management of the local office this week. R. E. Kimball, who has been employed by the local unit since 1930, will assume the duties left by the transfer of Mr. Teele.

Mr. Teele has been with the company since 1927, having served with the local unit during that time. His first work was in the distribution department, after which he was transferred to the meter department, thence to the sales department. He finished high school at the local school and attended State College. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, serving at present as chairman of the Inter-Club Relations Committee.

Mrs. Teele, the former Miss Margaret Dunning of this city, is expected to continue her work as secretary to the superintendent of schools here until the end of the school term this spring.

Mr. Kimball, who will take Mr.

Teele's place, is a native of Enfield, having come to this city after his graduation from State College in 1929.

The transfer will take effect on or about March 15, it is expected.

Father Of Local Man Is Buried

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hudson, Edward Padgett and Miss Dorothy Rice were called to Big Island, Va., Saturday on account of the death of Mr. Padgett's father, A. B. Padgett.

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