

Curriculum Includes Three New Courses In D. O. Program

"New courses are being taught in the vocational department which enable boys to have a definite trade at the completion of their high school course," stated G. L. Sandvig, director of vocational education in Senior high, in an interview September 4.

The new courses, trade drafting, aircraft sheet metal and machine shop work, are in line with government regulations, and in many cases will fit students for jobs paying \$50 a week, or more," he continued.

Mr. Sandvig went on, "The general outline of the classes can be summarized as follows:

Trade drafting—students are fitted to be draftsmen; during the first six weeks general drafting is taught, after that they specialize in either architectural drawing, aeronautical drawing or engineering drawing.

Aircraft sheetmetal work—boys are to construct actual models of planes in class.

Machine shop—boys are taught to use lathe, milling machine and other machines.

"The students, 73 in all, have three hours in class each day, and receive three credits a year for the work," he concluded.

Twelve Year Program Optional for Seniors

North Carolina has always been one of the few states offering an eleven year program in its schools—the first seven grades comprising the elementary school and grades eight to eleven the high school.

True, several of the larger cities have provided a twelve year program for several years, but recognition by the state in the form of financial support did not occur until the general assembly of 1941 passed an act providing for a study of the situation in 1941-42 and for inauguration of a twelve year program on a voluntary basis with the school year 1942-43.

Is Not Compulsory for Seniors

This year marks the introduction of the program, which is not compulsory for high school seniors. Students entering the eighth grade this year will have four more years of high school instruction after the completion of this years work, and high school seniors may, if courses are available, return for an additional year after they complete the eleven year program.

The twelve year program offers special training to students for war work as well as training for prospective college students.

Brochure On Music Issued For Pupils Choosing Career

Opportunities for those who would turn a hobby into a profession are described in a six-page leaflet called "Occupations in Music," recently issued. This interesting pamphlet covers the nature and variety of jobs in specialized fields, training required, earning, probable trends, other advantages and disadvantages. The best references for further reading have been selected from many books, leaflets and magazine articles reviewed in preparing this abstract.

It is written for the person who is choosing a career, but should be interesting also to teachers, counselors, parents and professional musicians.

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