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N. C. TEACHER

This month's North Carolina Teacher is filled with many interesting articles. The life of Mr. Hugh Morson is told briefly by John Dughi of the Raleigh High School. J. W. Crabtree in his article, "The Fight to Reduce School Privileges," attacks those people who are opposed to the public school system. Mr. Crabtree says that there is at present more opposition to public school education than there has been for over a quarter of a century. But those who are most bitterly opposed have never had any connection with public schools.

There is also an article by M. R. Trabue on the "Program of Educational Measurements." Mr. Trabue gives reasons for the standard tests which are being given everywhere. These tests serve to show more about the "validity and reliability of educational tests in various fields or subjects." They also serve as a comparative survey of pupils in one community with those of another. When these tests are used for pupil classification, the reason is purely the teacher's own. Other reasons are that the tests show the relative progress of the pupils, and they act as a special diagnosis.

Other articles are: "A Student's Comment On An Observation Course," by Ruth Campbell; "The Best Time for Reading Circles," by S. T. Emery; "The State High School Athletic Association," by E. R. Rankin; "A High School Latin Club," by Margaret Guley, and "When the War Ended." R. B.

DO YOU TAKE BIOLOGY?

Biology offers a course dealing with the structure and fundamental functions of living things. Owing to the fact that different animals and plants may be used equally well in a study of these processes, it offers a wider selection than the minimum requirements.

The forms of life are so numerous and their interrelations so complex that only the more general facts can be presented in a high school course. Such a plan, however, gives an insight into the way that organisms live and the interdependence of all living things.

Biology will take its recognized place as a valuable subject in training only when teachers require accuracy of observation, and the recording of these observed facts. It is possible to learn much about our own lives from the study of animals and plants, but trustworthy conclusions can be formulated only from reliable observations.

All the remarkable progress in biological information has come through the painstaking observations of many scientists, who by their contributions have made the world a better place in which to live. But in our zeal to apply these brilliant discoveries to human welfare, we must not overlook the beauty of living things as we attempt to understand life; let us not miss the delight that comes from simply knowing animals and plants in their natural habitats.

The first spring flower, and the first migrant bird herald the coming of spring. These in turn followed by so many living things that every excursion to parks and woods throughout the summer and fall furnishes one with a most varied program of entertainment. One is richer and happier who has such a storehouse of pictures to enjoy, when

his duties do not permit him to wander afield.

The students of the Biology department of the Raleigh High School are very grateful to Mr. Srygley, our superintendent, for the interest he takes in the department. For many years the department has needed an aquarium which has this year been installed in the Biology laboratory. Raleigh High School is one of the few schools in the state that has one of these aquaria.

The equipment for the Biology department is the best that could be had. There are twenty-two compound microscopes with which to study microscopic organisms; the students are also equipped with the best charts that can be purchased anywhere. These are a wonderful help from the standpoint of both teacher and pupil; the electric oven is the most valuable piece of apparatus by which constant temperature can be kept for the study of bacteria, moulds, etc.; special apparatus for the demonstration of transpiration and respiration of plants is another bit of equipment worthy of mention.

For field study the vascula (collecting cans) are a wonderful help in collecting plants, and bringing them back in good shape.

For the bird study, field glasses are being negotiated for. These will aid materially in the identification of birds which must be viewed from a distance to study it in detail.

The pupils of the High School are very grateful to Mrs. Wells for her interest and splendid work she has rendered. She has been a teacher in the Raleigh High School for several years, and takes a great deal of interest in all students participating in this work.

MARY ELIZABETH DOOLITTLE.

NEW RECORDS THIS WEEK

Two New Records by Caruso
 Again come two reminders that Caruso's voice lives eternally. This week two of his few Spanish selections have been issued—"La Partida" (The Departure) and "Flores Purisimas" (These Flowers So Pure). The former is a brilliant number with full orchestra, the other a dreamy, mystical melody from an old opera.

Mme. Olga Samanoff once more displays her superb artistry on two records showing two radically differing moods of Schumann. "Soaring" (Aufschwung) and "Romance" require such dynamic power, technical dexterity and the loving legato touch that are Samanoff's in a superlative degree.

Two Records From "Rose-Marie"
 From Rudolf Friml's melodious "Rose-Marie" Olive Kline sings a soprano solo of high and intense beauty, "Indian Love Call," with its long phrases, its soaring high notes and its flowing melody, is particularly adapted to Miss Kline's smooth soprano. Lambert Murphy sings the title number, "Rose-Marie," a tenor number, gracious and graceful in its dance rhythm, a very definite fox-trot cadence.

Homer E. Rodeheaver sings two characteristically American gospel hymns. "Trusting Jesus, That Is All" is a Sankey tune, while the record is equally of the evangelically type. "Christ Is All," both extremely simple, sung with the full orchestra.

Billy Murray and Ed Small put on some more of their artistic tomfoolery this week. "How Do You Do" and "Oh, You Can't Fool An Old Hoss-Fly" begin nowhere, but apparently start in the middle of things.

How they sound wedding bells in the lands of the Northern Star is demonstrated on two interesting records by International Concert Orchestra this week. "Swedish Wedding March" and "Norwegian Bridal Procession," the latter by Grieg, are familiar in their quaint and vigorous measures—something off the beaten track.

Waltzes by Whiteman and the Troubadours.

The tone colors of the Whiteman Orchestra bring out all the charm in a wonderful waltz this week—"All Alone." "I Wonder What's Become of Sally," by the Troubadours, is clever and full of pleasing melody.

Art Landry and His Orchestral Play, two chuckle-head fox trots with some strange instrumental blends. "Lazy Blues," technically a "shimmy" fox trot, is strongly African, while "It'll Get You" is surely aptly named.

"Too Tired," a fox trot by Jan Garber and his orchestra, is a misnomer, while "Dear One" is soft, smooth and luxuriously melodious.

THE REASON

Father: How many people work in your office?
 Son (government employee): Oh, about half.—Bystander.

Letter From Superintendent

The following letter will explain itself. The editors are most glad to publish it:

Mrs. Nina H. Covington, High School, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Covington:

I notice an article in your paper, the Raleigh Student, issue of November 5th, written by "R. B." which reads as follows:

"The new buildings will be fitted with all modern conveniences. There will be gyms, lockers, and, best of all, plenty of room to hold the ever-increasing number of pupils."

I wish to say that this is a mistake. There will be no gyms, no cafeterias, no shops, no art room, no auditorium, none of the mechanical equipment needed, no commercial department, no physical, chemical and biological laboratory. In fact, what is being built on Beneham Square is merely a pile of classrooms, about twenty-one in number, sufficient to take care of about eight hundred (800) pupils. Instead of a modern constructed high school building, we find ourselves with a very inadequate grammar school building. This will accommodate about one-half the enrollment by September, 1925.

This structure that is being built on Beneham Square is a delusion when considered from the point of view of a modern high school. Please do not leave the impression that the high school will have any quarters adequate to take care of our school enrollment.

If something is not done in the way of a bond issue in a very short time, both the Senior and Junior High Schools will be run on a double-day session.

Yours respectfully,
 H. F. SRYGLEY,
 Superintendent.

Bickett's Dream

I have endeavored to visualize my dream of a fairer state. I have outlined the means by which I hope to make this dream come true. And the means all reach out to a single end—a larger hope, a wider door for the average man than he has ever known.

With a six-months school guaranteed to every child; with the forces of disease routed from their ancient stronghold; with the curse of rum lifted from every home; with our fields tilled by men who own and therefore love them; with our harvests free from the crop lien's deadly blight; with modern conveniences and wholesome diversions within reach of every country home, our dear old state, released from her bondage to the blood-kin tyrants of ignorance, poverty, disease, and crime, will begin to realize her finest possibilities in riches and grace; will assume her rightful place in the march of civilization; and from the blue of the mountains to the blue of the sea there will spring up a harder, holier race, not unlike the giants that walked the earth when the sons of God mated with the daughters of men.

Written some years before his death by Thos. W. Bickett, Ex-Governor of North Carolina.

Baptist Pastors' Conference

The State Baptist Pastors' Conference is being held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church this week. The conference began Monday night with a prayer and praise service led by Dr. George T. Watkins, of Durham, president of the conference. Following the prayer and praise service and a number of addresses at Tuesday morning's session, officers for the ensuing year were elected. The members of the conference are staying in the hotels and in different homes of the city.

It is hoped that the delegates will have an enjoyable as well as spiritual meeting while they are in Raleigh.
 C. H.

Editor and Publisher

The Editor and Publisher is a magazine published every week in New York. This magazine is full of the inside carryings on of newspapers and of the problems which confront them. It also carries many interesting articles on journalism, which makes it of especial interest to the Journalism class.

This magazine is almost a weekly paper in itself in that it carries all the news, but it also has things in it that newspapers do not. It carries articles about tax troubles, court troubles, women in journalism, help of advertising in making a company grow, and many other subjects as interesting.

"But the end is not always the finish," read the tale.

IMPRESSIVE CHAPEL PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED BY HONOR SOCIETY

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that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Miss Scruggs asked the students to pay special attention to the second verse and use it for a daily motto. She urged the students to sow good seeds now while the opportunity presented itself so that each will later reap what he sows.

Announcements and cast of the Senior Play to be presented at the State Theatre in March were made by Miss Russell.

John Dughi masterfully rendered two violin solos: Orientale by Casar Cui and La Serenata by Jaxone. These solos were enthusiastically received by the audience.

Mr. Wessinger introduced several members of the Honor Society of '24. Among those present were: Elizabeth Buffaloe, Mary Peebles, Catherine Carter, Martha Maynard, Elizabeth Marsh and Catherine Cox.

Mr. J. Ed Hawkins, president of the charter National Honor Society, was introduced to the students by Mr. Wessinger. Mr. Hawkins is now a senior at the University of North Carolina. He gave an interesting talk, emphasizing the fact that a problem now facing the various educational institutions is that high school students in the state do not realize the amount and quantity of work that they shall have to accomplish in college. The faculties are actually wondering what must be done with the intelligent students who are now so rare, he stated. The majority of students take high school education as an easy one but when they get in college they regret that they did not spend more time on their studies.

Mr. Hawkins told the students that a new system was trying to be worked out at the University that should especially interest the high school people. A student making an average of 90 on his studies will be required to attend class recitations only when he wishes. If this proposition is carried out it will go into effect by the time the present high school students reach college.

Mr. Hawkins then initiated the new members of the Honor Society by directing them to form a hollow square with himself in the center. He held a large candle aloft in his right hand, while the others extended their right hands in a similar manner, holding smaller candles. After the candles were lit from the larger one, Mr. Hawkins administered the following pledge, with new members repeating it after him, phrase by phrase:

"I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of this society to which I have been elected, striving in every way, by word and deed, to make its ideals the ideals of my school."

Mr. Potter closed the program by leading the students in a song service.

The charter members of the first National Torchlight Society at Raleigh High School are:

Charter members National Torchlight Society, R. H. S.:

J. E. Hawkins, President.
 Laura Russell, Vice-President.
 Thomas C. Powell, Secretary-Treasurer.
 Mary O'Kelley, Corresponding Secretary.
 Lucy Lee Strother.
 Frances Tucker.
 Mary Penny.
 Edgar W. Armstrong, Jr.
 Franklin D. Owen, Jr.
 Marion Goldie HARRIS.
 William Speight Barnes.

Members in 1923 were: Cecily Brown, Olive Pittman, Foy Lineberry, Iona Nelson, James Brown, Frances Handy, Carolyn Peacock, Catherine

Cox, Ellis Covington, John Crinkley, Mary Glenn, Cloyce Tew.

Members in 1924 were: David Young, Mary Margaret Wray, Everett Browne, Annie Hoover Brown, Pattie Chappell, Mary Peebles, Elizabeth Buffaloe, Martha Maynard, Susan Womble, Robert Haywood, Katherine Maddy, John Evans, Louise Reavis, Katherine Carter, Joyce Cooper, Ormond Williams, and Gladys Caudle.

Those initiated Monday into the 1925 society include: Elizabeth Cauten, Katherine Fleming, Talmadge Peele, Frances Doolittle, Laura Mabel Haywood, Robert Dunaway, John Cole, John Henry Highsmith, Lillie Mai Scruggs, Annie Mae Crowder, and Minnie Nance.

A Correction

"The Torch," a poem published in the Student two weeks ago, had Mabel McDade's name signed as the poet. Miss McDade did not write the poem but only signed her name to get credit for handing in an article to The Student.

The author of the poem is not known.



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