

## SCHOOLS TO GET RECORD AMOUNT

Sharpest Issue in Assembly's Education Debates Was Local Tax Regulation

As much difference of opinion as over any one issue arose during the 1937 general assembly concerning the operation of North Carolina's biggest business—the education of its future citizens, the school children.

And probably the sharpest point of cleavage was the issue of school supplements. As the school machinery bill is now written, only those special charter districts established by legislative act will be able to vote extra taxes to raise their school standards from the basic eight-month term. Counties as a whole may vote a supplement, however.

The legislature provided for the eight months state standard school term as follows:

1. The largest appropriation in the history of the state for schools—\$24,396,000 for 1937-38 and \$24,986,000 for 1938-39.

2. A discretionary program of free basal textbooks, financed by a \$1,500,000 bond issue if the school commission so decides, to all elementary school pupils.

3. A re-organized school commission, with an executive committee

for which Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin fought as a means of correlating the "educational" and financial control of the schools, the latter being vested in the commission entirely. And

4. A number of safeguards designed to prevent so many school bus accidents in the future. The 1937 legislature and others have paid dearly in adverse public opinion and in actual compensation to parents for the number of children injured or killed in school bus accidents—a number, however, small in comparison to the 900,000 children transported in school buses.

### ARMY ENLISTMENTS

General George Van Horn Moseley, commanding general, Fourth Corps area, announces that while approximately 4,500 southern boys have joined the army since last October, there are still several openings for qualified young men.

Enlistments are authorized for service in Panama and the New England states for those who wish to serve the army away from home, and to those wishing to remain in Dixie there are vacancies in the air corps at Barksdale field, Louisiana, and in all the combatant branches at all other army posts in this corps area.

Young men should contact the recruiting office nearest their homes or communicate with the corps area recruiting office, 524 Postoffice Building Atlanta, Ga., for detailed information.

### You're Wrong . . . Not Twins . . . Not Even Sisters



DETROIT . . . Once in forty-million births does it occur, say medical authorities about Pauline Taylor, (left), and Pauline E. Taylor, (right), above. They are not twins. They are not sisters. They are not related. Pauline (left) was born in St. Ignace, Mich., and Pauline E. (right), was born in Canada. Both were born, Sept. 22, 1920—only two hours apart. They are the same weight, same height and both have red hair. They first met in high school here . . . and have been inseparable friends for 3 years.

## Cove Creek Department Vocational Agriculture

During the fiscal year 1935-36, 38 boys completed 64 projects, consisting of corn, 32½ acres, potatoes 14 acres, tobacco 3 acres, beans, 2 acres, cabbage 1½ acres, ewes 12 head, brood sows 3 head. The total products marketed from the above projects are as follows: Corn, 1484 bushels; potatoes, 1540 bushels; tobacco, 3505 pounds, cabbage, 18,600 pounds; beans, 4803 pounds; lambs, 19 head, wool, 58 pounds; pigs, 36.

The total net profit from each of the above projects was as follows: Corn, \$829.51; potatoes, \$790.96; tobacco, \$550.22; cabbage, \$296.38; beans, \$105.12; ewes, \$111.20; brood sows, \$129.00. Grand total, \$2,850.27.

The labor income from each project is computed by allowing each boy 10¢ per hour for his labor and adding the total labor cost to the net profit. The total labor income from each of the above projects was as follows: Corn, \$1018.91; potatoes, \$899.21; tobacco, \$602.67; cabbage, \$307.78; beans, \$119.17; ewes \$125.80; brood sows, \$140.40. Grand total, \$3,258.32.

During the fiscal year 1936-37, 51 boys are planning to carry a total of 112 projects, consisting of corn, 30 acres; potatoes, 14 acres; tobacco, 9½ acres; cabbage, 4 acres; beans, 2 acres; baby chicks, 75; ewes, 17 head; brood sows, 6 head; beef cattle, 4 head.

A new ruling in regard to the supervised farm practice programs of vocational agriculture students has been put into effect this year, viz: that each student must carry out his project plans if he expects to receive credit for his work in vocational agriculture. Several students in past years have planned rather large programs and completed only a small part of them, consequently, all students who wish to receive credit for this work must carry their programs through to completion.

In regard to the agricultural fair held last September at Cove Creek high school, 253 companies and individuals from 26 different states contributed to the premium list or carried advertising in the fair catalogue. The different states represented were: North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Oregon, New York, Pennsylvania, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The total value of all premiums contributed by companies and individuals amounted to approximately \$650.00.

Thus far this school year students have vaccinated about 100 head of sheep for hemorrhagic septicemia and 50 head of beef cattle for black leg, in addition to many other services rendered the farmers. Students have docked and castrated several lambs so far and are planning to trim several more before the close of school. The students have not done very much farm shop work this year, largely because of lack of equipment, but by next year we hope to have a well equipped farm shop so that all classes may get some supervised instruction and practice in farm shop work.

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### Beech Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cherry and Mrs. Russell Trivett, of Ohio, are visiting relatives on Beech Creek.

Clyde Presnell, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Presnell, broke his arm while playing at the Presnell school last week. He was taken to Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, for treatment.

Mrs. Rebecca Ward is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Irene Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harmon and family, of Bristol, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mr. Harmon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harmon.

Mr. Eli Harmon, who is 88 years old, is recovering from an attack of the flu.

Grass seed and seed oats were delivered to the farmers in this section this week by the Farmers Hardware and Supply Co.

Mr. Oscar Harmon is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reece visited Mrs. Reece's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bingham at Sugar Grove last week-end.

Miss Clayce Harmon, who has been teaching at Crossnore, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiseman, of Ingalls, N. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. Wiseman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harmon.

Mr. Carl Miller, of Butler, Tenn., visited Mr. Carrol Younce and family recently.

Miss Reba Trivett, who is attending the Cove Creek high school, came home for the week-end. She was accompanied by Miss Hazel Teague, of Vilas.

Miss Annie Lee Shepherd, of Watauga Falls, spent Sunday night with Miss Geneva Cannon.

Mr. Paul Edmisten visited Mr. George Danner and family at Boone last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cannon spent Easter with Mrs. Cannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell, on Bairds Creek.

Miss Carrie Harmon, who is attending Appalachian State Teachers College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon.



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### HOG OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR CAROLINA FARMER

Better prices for hogs this summer are forecast by H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State College.

Although large stocks of pork and lard are now in cold storage, he said, the number of hogs being slaughtered is diminishing, while the demand is holding up well.

Most of the nation's market hogs are produced in the western corn belt in the north central states.

The supply of corn in the western corn belt is approximately 40 per cent less than it was two years ago, and the number of hogs there on January 1 was estimated at 14,525,000 head, the lowest in years.

The 26,473,000 head of hogs in the north central states is about the same number produced in 1935, according to a report from the federal

bureau of agricultural economics.

Any increase in hog production in these regions will depend upon a return of corn production to something like normal, and that cannot affect hog prices this spring and early summer, Taylor pointed out.

The outlook, then, is that there will be a good market for North Carolina hogs, he continued. Prices are expected to hold up well through the spring, and rise in the summer.

However, the question of whether an individual farmer should hold hogs for summer marketing will depend upon the condition of his hogs and the amount and type of feed he has on hand.

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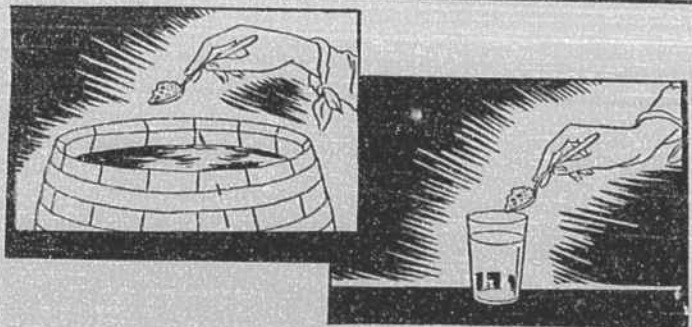
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