

## State Audio-Visual Program Is Urged

### Recommendations Made By Commission Making Study

In creating the North Carolina Communication Study Commission the General Assembly of 1949 took cognizance of the need for an over-all state-wide audio-visual program for North Carolina at all levels of education. The bill creating the Commission stipulated that the study should include public education, higher education, adult education, and the educational programs of state agencies and departments.

The work of the Commission got underway in November, 1949. Questionnaires to be sent to superintendents, principals, institutions of higher learning, radio stations, and state departments and agencies were prepared during the early months of 1950 and mailed during May and June. These questionnaires were returned, tabulated and evaluated during the months of July and August. These tabulations and evaluations were assembled and mailed to the members of the Commission and Advisory Committee on the first of September. On the basis of careful consideration of these tabulations and evaluations, the Commission, upon the advice of its Advisory Committee, during meetings held between September 23 and September 27, formulated an over-all audio-visual plan for North Carolina.

1—There should be coordinated state and regional administration: To accomplish this there should be established a state-wide audio-visual program under the general supervision and administration of the State Board of Education to which should be made appropriations for the support of the program.

2—Regional distribution of certain types of material: In the interest of economy and efficiency and equalization of educational opportunity in the State, it is advisable to distribute on a regional basis certain types of materials, especially those which because of their cost and/or limited use cannot and should not be locally owned. To accomplish this there should be established not more than five Audio-Visual Regional Distribution Centers located at strategic institutions of higher learning to be selected upon the advice and recommendation of the State Audio-Visual Advisory Committee.

3—Teacher training: A definite need is evident for in-service and pre-service teacher training. To meet this need it is recommended that in each of the twelve state supported institutions of higher learning should be set up equipment and materials necessary to conduct adequate pre-service and in-service teacher training programs in the use of Audio-Visual aids. It is recommended also that each Institution of Higher Learning provide credit courses for teacher trainees in the use of audio-visual aids.

4—Local administrative unit programs: The study conducted by the N. C. Communication Study Commission revealed many audio-visual inequalities among the administrative school units within the state. In or-



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In these days of alarming uncertainty it is significant that all America is being reached during November by the "Religion in American Life" program, a non-sectarian movement aimed to strengthen religion in personal and community life.

Among the organizations sponsoring this program is the American Bible Society which was founded early in the history of our Republic to strengthen democracy through distribution and reading of the Bible. The Bible has always occupied a prominent place in the life of our country. To encourage Worldwide Bible reading during the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas, selections from the greatest passages in the Bible have been chosen.

President Harry S. Truman is honorary chairman of the national committee for Bible reading. He has commended the plan this year by declaring:

"In this age of doubt it is of hopeful significance that the Bible remains the world's best seller. Our days are cast in an age that knows not God and when love does not rule the counsels or the hearts of men.

"I call upon my countrymen once again in the sacred season from Thanksgiving to Christmastide to read and to ponder in their hearts the Book by which our fathers lived—the Book which vindicates the ways of God to man. Though others falter we doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs."

der to equalize the educational opportunity among all units as well as to supplement the efforts of those already operating audio-visual programs, it is recommended that funds be made available to all units on a non-matching basis with a small basic allocation to each unit and an additional amount to be distributed to all units on the basis of average daily attendance.

5—Research and special services: In order to continue research in the audio-visual field, to set up standards of evaluation in the choice of materials and equipment, to provide necessary teacher training materials, it is recommended that funds be made available for this purpose.

6—Appropriations: For the pur-

pose of financing all phases of this state audio-visual program it is suggested that the 1951 General Assembly be asked to appropriate to the State Board of Education funds equal to 75¢ per pupil in average daily attendance to the public schools of North Carolina annually for the next biennium. On the basis of 1949-50 figures, this would be approximately \$593,400 annually for each of the fiscal years 1951-52 and 1952-53, \$334,000 of which each year would be available directly to local units and to regional libraries for supplementary materials to be used by the local units. An additional \$54,000 annually would be indirectly absorbed by the local units through the services provided them by the Regional and As-

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## J. A. BUNCH

SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY

stant Regional Directors in conducting in-service teacher training and utilization programs.

## Duplin Farmer Shows What 10 Acres Can Do

A young Duplin County Negro war veteran has converted ten acres of trees and underbrush into a comfortable living for four people, built his own home, and now has decided to round out his education by returning to college.

Tom Roberts of the Stanford community is the man who has managed the small farm so well, reports Riddick E. Wilkins, Duplin County Negro farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

Roberts' neighbors were doubtful of his projects when he bought the brushy 10-acre plot, but now the successful young farmer has shown them that hard work and resourcefulness can make a small farm pay.

Discharged in 1945, Tom bought the small tract and went to work. He cleared the land and by 1946 had begun to assemble building materials for his home. He studied masonry so that he could do much of the construction himself. His wife helped him around the place and put in a flock of chickens to provide more income.

She was successful with her poultry project, and was able to earn about \$40 a month from egg sales. The poultry enterprise caught the attention of Mrs. Mable B. Peterson, Negro Home Demonstration agent, who appointed Mrs. Roberts poultry leader

in her neighborhood.

The Roberts family moved into their new home in 1947, though it was not finished until 1949. Now they have paid for their home, a washing machine, and a refrigerator, and are making more plans for the future.

Roberts grows a variety of crops, including corn, cotton, sweet potatoes, early corn, and hay, as well as tending a garden. He has a flock of chickens, three cows and a herd of hogs which includes registered Berkshires.

Now that Tom has things running smoothly so that his wife, his father and his wife's father can take care of the place, he is making plans to get two more years of college to finish

his formal education. The extra education, he hopes, will make it possible for him to earn a greater income in the years ahead.

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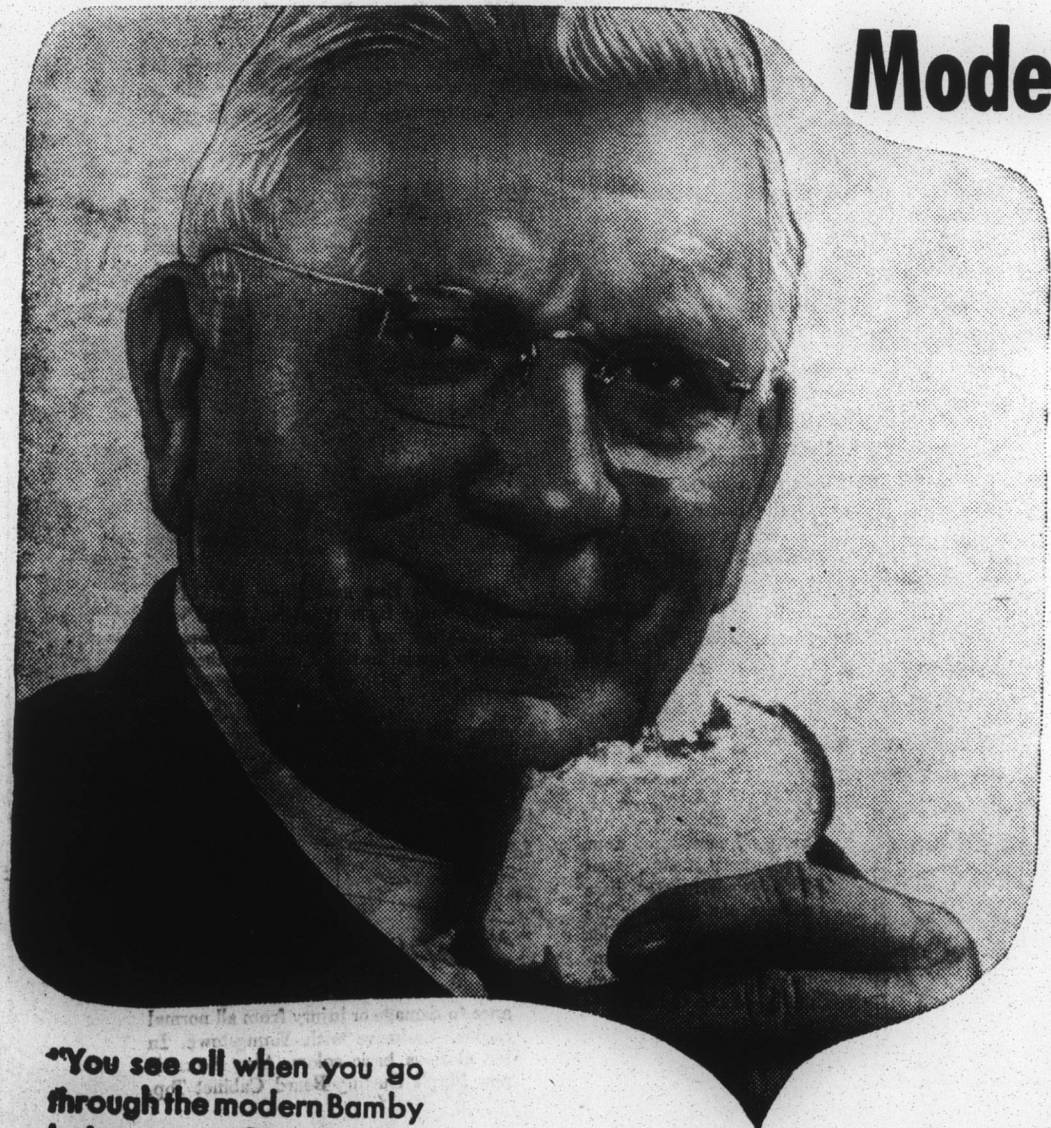
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