

# 44,000 Boys, Girls Drop Out Of School

## Survey Shows an Average of 60,000 Absent Each Day

A total of 43,991 North Carolina boys and girls during the 1949-50 term dropped out of school after having enrolled and an average of 60,490 of those in average daily membership are absent each day.

Although this record of drop-outs for the year 1949-50 was better than heretofore, school officials believe it is still too great. Percentage of average daily absences in 1949-50 was better also than for recent years. Still a better record was made in this respect from 1938-39 to 1941-42.

On a per child basis these figures mean simply that 5 out of every 100 children enrolled in school drop-out before the end of school. These figures do not include pupils transferred (duplicates) to other school units. There were 22,812 of these, but they are counted only once (in the unit in which they originally enrolled), and so they are not considered as drop-outs.

Of each 100 pupils in average daily membership, that is, those who are expected to be at school each day, 7 were absent. School officials believe this, too, is too great a number of absences.

However, since no statistical information is available as to why boys and girls leave school before the term ends and as to why they absent themselves from school, school officials do not know for a fact whether drop-outs and absences are too high. Experience in most of the 62 units that now employ attendance workers indicates fewer drop-outs and better attendance in those units. There are some exceptions, however, indicating the need for some correlating and standardizing agency on the State level.

### County Units

In tables showing county and city units, the enrollment figures include duplicate enrollments, that is those pupils who enrolled in two or more units (counties or cities) during the year are counted in both units. Consequently, drop-outs in the case of units include those dropping out to enroll in another unit as well as those who left school "for good" for the year. This fact tends to make the drop-out percentages larger than they normally would be if only those who left school for good were counted.

The percentage of drop-outs according to this definition ranges from a low of 4.0 per cent in Pasquotank County to a high of 11.6 per cent in Avery County. It so happens that neither of these units employs an attendance officer. Neither does Clay and Wilson county units, both having a high per cent of drop-outs. On the other hand, Cumberland and Edgecombe each has attendance officers and each has a high percentage of drop-outs. A comparison of the 28 county units that employ attendance workers with the 72 that do not show no appreciable difference in the percentage of drop-outs.

A comparison of absences made by pupils in the 28 counties that employ attendance workers with the 72 that

## Church People Select Five Favorite Sermons

St. Louis Park, Minn. — "If you could hear only five sermons in the rest of your life, what topics would you like the preacher to select?" The Rev. Roger C. Schmuck, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church at St. Louis Park, Minn., asked his parishioners this question.

The answers were: Immortality and the life after death; How can we keep faith in the face of adversity? What can we do to secure and maintain world peace? How can adults keep children from losing faith? When all goes well with our lives, how can we keep from feeling self-sufficient and independent of God?

## Legal Notices

North Carolina, Chowan County.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF BUILDING

Under and by virtue of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Chowan County at a regular monthly meeting of said Board held on April 7, 1952, the undersigned will on Saturday, the 26th day of April, 1952, at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property, to-wit:

The sheet metal building formerly used in connection with the control of malaria in Chowan County, and located on the R. C. Holland lot on the South side of West Carteret Street, Edenton, North Carolina, adjoining a spur track of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Company.

Sale will be conducted on the premises.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

This 10th day of April, 1952.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY.  
J. N. PRUDEN, Attorney.  
April 17, 24cc

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mrs. L. K. Summerell, deceased late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, N. C., on or before the 10th day of April, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th day of April, 1952.

JOHN W. GRAHAM,  
Executor of Mrs. L. K. Summerell Estate.  
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### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the Estate of Orene B. Hollowell, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the

estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, N. C., on or before the 21st day of March, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 21st day of March, 1952.

WELDON A. HOLLOWELL,  
Administrator of Orene B. Hollowell.  
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### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of J. Fred Asbell, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Tyner, N. C., on or before the 13th day of March, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 13th day of March, 1952.

SARAH A. FOREHAND,  
Administratrix of J. Fred Asbell Estate.  
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North Carolina, Chowan County.

### NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Tommie J. Goodwin, deceased, late of Chowan County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of March, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 5th day of March, 1952.

ELLIE J. GOODWIN, Executor.  
RFD, 3, Box 142, Edenton, N. C.  
HERBERT LEARY, Attorney  
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### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the Estate of T. L. Evans, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons

having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Tyner, N. C., on or before the 13th day of March, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 13th day of March, 1952.

T. L. EVANS, JR., AND  
MELVIN H. EVANS,  
Co-Administrators of T. L. Evans Estate  
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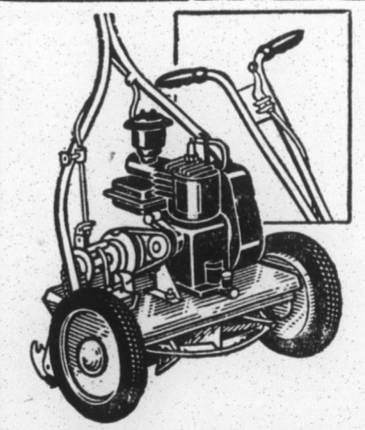
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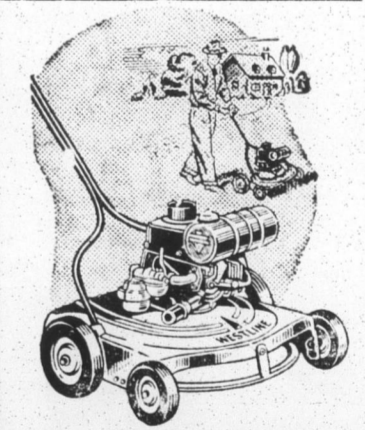
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## John H. Lewis Dies After Long Illness

John Henry Lewis, 76, died Monday night shortly before midnight in Chowan Hospital after a long illness. Deceased, a retired carpenter, was a native of Washington County, but lived in Edenton 25 years.

Surviving are three sons, John R. Lewis of Edenton, Benjamin Lewis of Jacksonville, N. C., William H. Lewis of Hertford; four daughters, Mrs. J. P. Arcaro of Edenton, Mrs. R. H. Walters of Lowell, Mich., Mrs. B. M. Floyd of Lumberton, Mrs. Johnnie Winn of Goldsboro; one brother, Bob Lewis of Roper; one sister, Mrs. E. G. Swain of Barco, N. C. Twelve grandchildren also survive.


Funeral services were held at the Williford Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, officiated with burial made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

### Opportunity

Brown: "I had plenty to say in the house today."

Jones: "What, the House of Representatives?"

Brown: "No, my own house. The wife was out."



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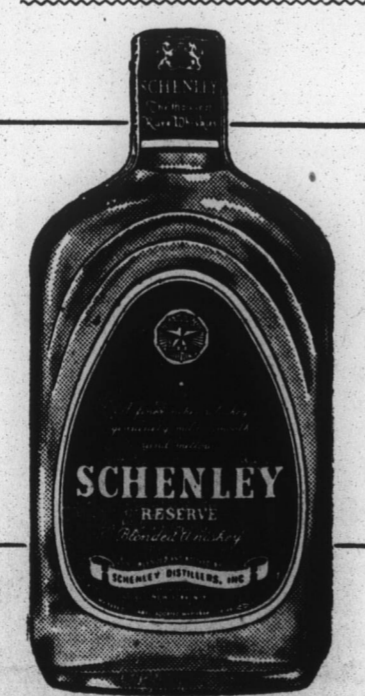
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