

Average H. S. Student Takes English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health, Physical Ed

English, mathematics, social studies, science, health and physical education—these are the subjects taken in high school by the average North Carolina student.

These subjects are taken more often because they are required for high school graduation, as follows: English I, Mathematics I (General Mathematics or Algebra I), and Physical and Health Education in the first year; English II and Science II (Biology) in the second year; English III and Social Studies III (U. S. History) in the third year; and English IV in the fourth year. The student elects to take other subjects where such subjects are a part of the curriculum of the school which he attends.

More students are attending the public high schools and the upper grade enrollments are larger, thus indicating a greater holding power.

That enrollments by years do not correspond to enrollments by subjects where such subjects are required is due to the fact that students in some instances took subjects ordinarily provided for a higher or lower grade, or the enrollment for two years was combined for teaching expediency.

English

The number of students taking English II, III and IV increased during each two-year period, but in English I there was a decrease in 1951-52. The number of students taking dramatics tends to increase—from 1,722 in 1947-48 to 3,065 in 1951-52. Enrollment in speech also increased during this period, whereas the number taking journalism decreased after having increased in 1949-50. A few more students were enrolled in spelling classes as a separate subject in 1951-52 than in 1949-50, when there was a drop from 7,802 to 5,167. Enrollment in other English subjects in 1951-52 were advanced dramatics 128, remedial reading and English, 128 and library science 419.

Mathematics

The number of students taking mathematics is almost constant. Due to more students enrolled there are a few more taking the subjects in this group. Solid geometry jumped in favor as an elective for 456 students.

Social Studies

Whereas the number of students taking citizenship dropped considerably, both world and United States history appeared more popular. This is probably because of the emphasis on history at this time. There were scattered enrollments for other subjects in this group.

Science

More students are taking biology and chemistry, but fewer are enrolled in general science and physics courses. Very few students are enrolled in other subjects in this group.

Health, Safety and Physical Education

Increasing numbers of boys and girls take health, safety and driver education, the number being still small in the latter two subjects. Slightly fewer students were enrolled in physical education in 1951-52 than in 1949-50.

Art and Music

Art enrollment remained about the same in 1951-52 as it was in 1949-50, but a considerable increase is noted in the number taking vocal music.

Other Subjects

Enrollment in agriculture tends to increase, whereas in home economics it remains about the same except in advanced courses. Business education subjects also tend to be more popular as electives.

Among the foreign languages, enrollments in French and Spanish remain almost static, whereas Latin is taken by fewer students each year.

PEANUTS CHECKED

N. C. 1 and N. C. 2 peanut varieties being grown for certified seed in Chowan County were checked last week for maturity. All fields appeared to be about ready for digging. A few diseased peanuts were found in three fields but one field of N. C. 1's showed considerable pod decay which is presumed was due to Southern stem rot aggravated by the extremely dry weather. Peanut digging began to move underway well by the 24th.

Chowan High Menu

Following is the menu for the remainder of the week at the Chowan High School lunch room:

Thursday—Chicken pan pie, Spanish peas, cranberry sauce, rolls, butter, apple sauce.

Friday—Salmon loaf, cole slaw, buttered potatoes, corn bread, rice and raisin pudding.

Water Is Problem On Some Chowan Farms

"Good water on the farms in Chowan County appears to be very scarce," according to many reports received by the County Agent, C. W. Overman. In most cases it is believed the problem can be corrected by using a water conditioner designed to do the job on each individual farm. In order to determine the type of conditioner and materials needed it is necessary to have the farm water analyzed by a reputable and competent laboratory.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goodwin of Enterprise community have recently made an attempt to obtain good water, but find that their water supply makes curdy soap suds, leaves fixtures and containers a rusty yellow and the water even turns red when it gets hot. They took a sample of their water supply last week and sent it to a laboratory for analysis for the company to determine whether they will be able to design a water conditioner to correct the problem. Several families are using water conditioners with good results, but they find it is necessary to follow the manufacturers' instructions on care and management.

Dry Weather Hurts 4-H Corn Projects

Dry weather has lowered 4-H corn yields considerably this year. Yields were checked with eleven 4-H members last week and they ranged from 41 to slightly over 100 bushels, averaging approximately 72 bushels per acre. Two club members made slightly over 100 bushels each. The spirit of the club members appears to be good in spite of the lower yields. Records were mostly up to date. Most of these boys have expressed a determination to strive for the highest corn yield possible next year and are hoping for good normal weather conditions.

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FIRE FACTS

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES Alexander: Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows: Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday by the pastor, the Rev. E. G. Alexander.

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New Method Used To Harvest Peanuts

Alma Forehand of Cross Roads community is trying a new practice in harvesting peanuts. His bunch peanuts are dug with a conventional digger shaker and the next day a side delivery adjustable rake is used to kick two rows at the time toward the stack poles. This kicking process is doing a nice job shaking the dirt from the peanuts and is saving considerable labor by moving them toward the stack so that all the stackers have to do is place them on the poles.

With the shortage of labor for digging peanuts on many farms and also the extremely high cost of labor, machines of this type will quickly pay for themselves and start making a profit.

County Agents Meet With District Agent

County Agents of the Albemarle area met at Elizabeth City with District Agent C. S. Mintz on Wednesday

afternoon of last week. Program Planning for 1954 was the chief subject. Mr. Mintz explained the new procedure and forms to be followed and it appears that this will be some improvement over past procedure. "As far as possible," he said, "we want to have representatives from the various communities of the county to help us plan the 1954 program to meet the needs in their communities."

Housework Easy Without Nagging Backache

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Don't suffer longer with these discomforts if reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages.

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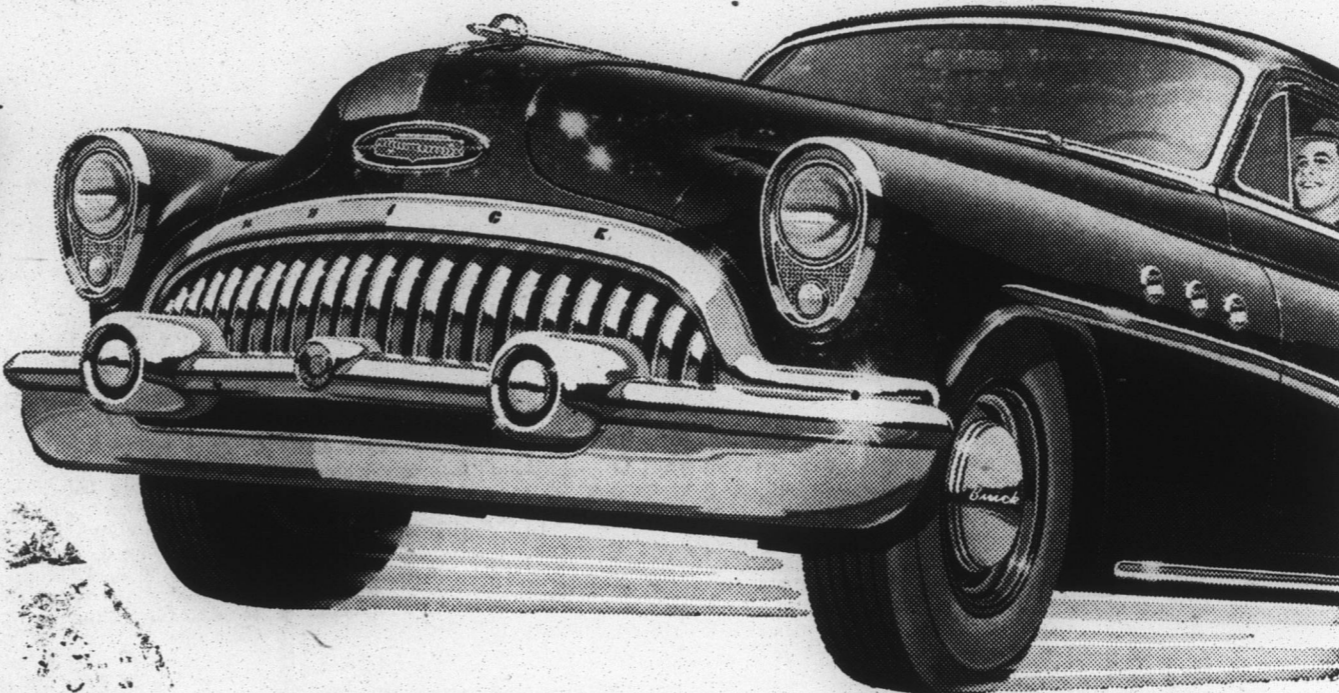
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