

## 45,500 BOYS AND GIRLS IN NORTH STATE DROP OUT OF SCHOOL DURING 1951 - 1952

A total of 45,500 North Carolina boys and girls—32,371 white and 13,129 Negro—dropped out of school during the school year 1951-52. This number represented 5 per cent of the total number enrolled. In other words, out of each 100 pupils enrolled, 95 stayed until the end of the school year, whereas five dropped out.

There was a record number of drop-outs by white and Negro pupils for each year from 1930-31 to 1951-52. The record during the latter part of this 22-year period is better than that of the first years of the period. For some unknown reason there were a greater number and percentage of drop-outs during 1950-51 than there were for any year during the last four years.

A view of the percentage in white schools will reveal that a larger proportion of boys and girls drop out of high school than of the elementary

school. The percentage is more than double.

Percentage of drop-outs during 1951-52 ranged from 3 per cent in grade five to 10.2 per cent in the tenth grade. In terms of ages this appears to be about the sixteenth birthday, or the end of the compulsory attendance age bracket. Average percentage of drop-outs in the elementary school was 3.9 per cent, whereas in the high school it was 8.9 per cent.

During the six-year period the percentage of drop-outs has decreased 1 per cent in the case of both elementary and high schools. There was a better record in the case of high schools, however, during both 1948-49 and 1949-50, when the average percentage of drop-outs was 8.3 per cent.

The pattern of percentage of drop-outs for Negro schools is similar to that for the white schools—a greater proportion having dropped out after they reached high school. The range in percentage of drop-outs among the grades for the year 1951-52 was from 2.5 per cent in the fourth grade to 10.1 in the ninth and tenth grades. Average percentage of drop-outs in the elementary grades was 3.7, whereas in the high schools the average was 9.6 per cent.

Over the six-year period, the trend is down for the elementary grades as a whole. For the high school grades the percentage of drop-outs was lower at 9.2 per cent in 1949-50, then higher at 10.6 per cent in 1950-51, and 1 per cent lower at 9.5 in 1951-52.

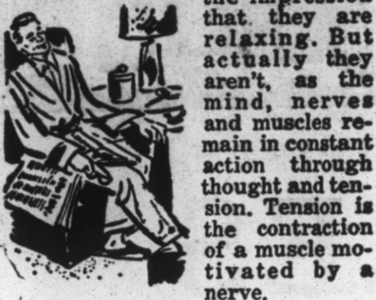
Approximately 10 per cent of the number of pupils who enroll in grades 9, 10, and 11 drop-out, according to the latest figures—almost 10 per cent of the total high school enrollment



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Relaxation in a true sense means doing absolutely nothing. This should be the easiest thing in the world, but psychologists claim that our modern hectic way of living makes relaxation very difficult.



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Relaxation is really the art of dropping tension.

A series of tests, conducted by Dr. Edmund Jacobson of the University of Chicago, showed that the mind can make muscles work through thoughts alone. By connecting electrical instruments to the muscles of patients who were lying down with their eyes closed, he was able to measure the activity. If told to imagine they were lifting a weight, the muscles of the patient became tense with effort. In the same manner, hate, worry and other thoughts cause activity, and spoil relaxation.

Tense people generally do more work than they have to. They are exhausted at the end of a day, not by their regular chores, but by the energy used in wasted actions.

Actually the key to relaxation is economy: don't waste power, movement or thoughts.

poles. Bill Wolf points out that this almost makes the boat handler more important than the angler.

The cardinal rule for the oarsmen in most trolling is: watch the rod tip. At least three-fourths of the lures ordinarily used in trolling set up a vibration when working properly that is communicated to the rod tip, and the man rowing only has to look there to see if everything is going all right.

There is a lot of fun to be had fishing a shore line with bass bugs or other flyrod lures, with plugs and spoons, or with spinning lures; it also can be a miserable experience if the boat handler doesn't know his business. But keeping the right speed and distance from the bank is only part of the boat

handler's job.

He must look ahead at all times—even if this means looking behind him in the direction the boat is going—to know what kind of water is coming up next, and to plan how best to approach the next stretch. He should plot the route of the craft so the righthanded angler can cast most of the time to the left to fish the shore line. When the wind is strong, it becomes the boatman's duty to see that most casts can be made as much as possible with the wind or, at least, at a quartering angle.

The boatman has still other important duties. He will try to see that you are so located that nothing will interfere with your backcast if you are using a fly rod. He will take the boat in to recover a hung-up lure, rather than let you attempt to pull it free with the possibility of it snapping back in your face. He will keep his eyes open for signs of activity among fish and call rises and feeding to the fisherman's attention. He will be ready with net or gaff to help land a particularly nice fish, and he is often in a better position than the angler to take a fish off the hook. Now all this doesn't mean he is a slave to the angler, but he is a co-operating partner.

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