

Superintendent Eddie West Reports

It is a well known fact that adolescents are not always sure about what occupation they want to enter. As they enter high school, approximately one-third of them make known quite definitely what they want for their life work, and they may be making plans to carry out their ambitions. The other two-thirds are usually two types: one group composed of youths who have not thought seriously about what they want to do, even though they do not plan to attend college after they finish high school; the other group is composed of those who are undecided about what they want to do.

This is a normal situation for a growing adolescent and it is not one about which anyone should get unduly alarmed.

On the other hand, high schools have a responsibility to provide these youths curriculum courses which allow students to either explore or select an occupation or choose a life's work.

In addition to a general and college preparatory curriculum the high schools in the Edenton-Chowan Schools offer a variety

of occupationally oriented courses. This week's column will provide an overview of some of the course offerings. **Welding.** Taught at Chowan High School, this course affords many boys the opportunity to obtain skills which enable them to obtain employment immediately upon graduation at shipyards in the Norfolk area at excellent starting salaries.

Agricultural Courses. These courses are geared to helping youngsters become established in farming and in providing them with knowledge and skills to become efficient producers of farm products, knowledgeable about animal husbandry, dairying, poultry crops, horticulture and farm management.

Shop and Trade Courses. A variety of courses are offered at John A. Holmes High School which provide training to the point where it gives the trainee a productive ability with which he can secure and hold employment. Among such curricula offered include: construction, carpentry, bricklaying, and mechanical drawing and machines.

Business Education Courses. Specialized courses are offered in selected business subjects. The direct route to employment is no doubt a major factor in making business courses one of the most flourishing fields of study in high school. Subjects available to students include: Distributive Education, typing, business machines, office practice, shorthand, business math, general business and bookkeeping.

Homemaking Education. Homemaking subjects in the high school have as their primary factor the development of learning related to food, clothing, shelter and family living. Naturally course offerings in these areas include: Home Economics I, II and III. **Exploratory Vocation Courses.** To assist students in exploring the world of work, to inculcate in students desirable work habits, and to help him better understand himself so that he may make a realistic choice of occupations, short exploratory courses are provided students of junior high age in industrial arts and consumer homemaking. This program is

of great benefit in helping students find themselves at this particular age.

The above cited occupation courses are having an impact on the Edenton-Chowan Schools. This may be readily seen by the fact that the Edenton-Chowan Schools has the lowest drop-out rate in the 10-county Albemarle area.

Should you wish additional in-depth information on any or all of the above listed occupational programs, please do not hesitate to contact or drop by the Board of Education office in the County Office Building.

QUILTING

Quilting has become as modern as today. Its influence is found in wearing apparel as well as in house furnishings, observe extension home economics specialists, North Carolina State University. With the revival of this art, fashion designers are producing everything from quilted shoulder bags to velvet pantsuits.



LADYBUG EARNS NEW ACCOLADE—Busily devouring aphids, this ladybug is doing a good turn for farmers as well as consumers. She's one of a number of "good bugs" currently enlisted in agriculture's war against "bad bugs." By helping keep crop-destroying insects under control, the ladybug contributes to increased food and fiber production that means lower prices for consumers. (Photo by Clemson University)



PASTOR HONORED—Preston E. Cayton of Edenton, pastor of Maple Grove Christian Church in Martin County, and his wife were honored May 6 at a reception given by the members of the church and members of other congregations he has served in the county.

Reverend Cayton Honored

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, from 3 until 5, the congregation of Maple Grove Christian Church, Griffins Township, were the hosts for a reception honoring their pastor, Preston E. Cayton.

He has been in the ministry since Mother's Day, 1933, thus the occasion was commemorating his 40 years of "service to God and his fellowman."

As a "token of appreciation and love," the congregation presented Cayton with a Lazy-boy recliner. Mrs. Cayton was also remembered with a gift. A number of other congregations and individuals also remembered him with gifts one of which was a tape recorder with a beautiful tribute to the

minister by a close personal friend.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with massive arrangements of spring flowers. After being invited inside the guests gave their best wishes to the honored couple. When they signed the register they were then invited to the end of the hall for refreshments.

The table, skirted in organdy, was overlaid with a lovely lace and organdy cloth. In the center was a five-tiered cake with a cross on top and with the names of the fifteen churches Cayton has served written on it. On either side were five-branched candelabra holding arrangements of pink geranium, miniature carnations and ivy. The guests helped themselves to chicken salad on patty shells, party sandwiches, assorted cookies, salted nuts, and punch.

Approximately three hundred friends and fellow ministers called on the Caytons during the appointed hours, making this a most memorable occasion for him and his family.

LONG FLIERS

Scientists have found that boll weevils can be long distance fliers. The destructive cotton insect will fly at least as far as 25 miles in search of food or a mate. To find this out, the scientists marked some 300,000 weevils and released them. They were captured -- some of them -- in traps from 2 to 25 miles away from the release site. The one found 25 miles away covered the distance in only four days.



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