

State Faces Teacher Shortage In Elementary Schools Next Year

North Carolina is facing an unprecedented shortage of qualified teachers in its elementary schools next year.

Only 211 seniors in elementary education will be graduated by teacher training institutions this spring, and only three-fourths of these expect to become elementary teachers.

The state normally uses 1500 elementary teachers each year for replacements. That means that in addition to the 2000 emergency certificates already issued in the state, at least 1000 more must be added next year.

These appalling facts were revealed in a study of the Teacher Education Committee of the State Education Commission, which is conducting a two-year study of education in North Carolina. Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald of Hickory, vice chairman, who made the report for the committee, says that preliminary findings show that "there must be a thorough-going study of the institutions training teachers as well as a study of the State Department of Public Instruction and the work of teachers on the job."

The committee, headed by W. M. Jenkins of the Durham County Schools, has already interviewed college and high school seniors to find out why many of them have decided to go into fields other than elementary teaching. Most of them say, "Low salaries". Dr. William S. Taylor of the University of Kentucky, committee consultant, says he also finds these answers—large classes, too many demands on teachers' time, and lack of opportunity for advancement. He advises a broad recruitment program, either by school superintendents or state agencies.

The problem of the teacher shortage is "critically serious", according to the NCEA. This body says that at least 100,000 children are affected. The shortage, it points out, is much more serious in the county units than in the cities. Only 75.5 percent of the teachers in county units hold Class A certificates. Over ninety per cent of the city teachers have A certificates. However, a few city units have a more acute shortage than any of the county units.

Figures showing the decline in the number of new elementary teachers have been released recently by the State Department of Public Instruction. For the

year 1940-41, 527 persons were enrolled in teacher training institutions for elementary work. This number dropped to 199 in 1945-46, and in 1946-47 was 246. Secondary teachers, meanwhile, are increasing in numbers.

An NCEA bulletin observes, "the present critical teacher shortage will grow progressively worse unless and until the supply of teachers is substantially increased."

The committee report said that the problem of high school teacher supply "is not critical, and we actually have an oversupply of physical education majors coming out this year."

The teacher education committee—one of 15 groups working with the State Education Commission—is also studying the general picture of teacher education to find out what improvements are needed.

Representatives of all teacher training institutions in the state recently met with the committee to lay out a program of study. The committee gave all heads of institutions a self-evaluation schedule. Questionnaires were prepared to be sent to college students to plan to teach, and to recent graduates of the various colleges who are now teaching.

The committee hopes to find out the training most valuable to teachers; why teachers choose the fields in which they are working; the history of enrollment changes; the education of college personnel and their salaries; and the college teacher load.

Committee members will interview experienced teachers to discover possible new courses of instruction that should be added. Consultants will visit all teacher training institutions, and offer their advice in planning further work.

Mrs. McDonald says that the group is making a very careful study of the organization and control of teacher education. She says that there is "practically no coordination of teacher education in North Carolina."

The committee expects to complete its work in the early spring and make a final report to the State Education Commission. The Commission will make its overall report to the Governor and the 1949 General Assembly.

Turkeys should have a succulent green grazing crop all the time that they are on range.

Wm. H. Hogsed

William H. Hogsed, 88, died at his home in Hayesville, at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

Funeral services were held this morning (Thursday), at 11 o'clock at Philadelphia Baptist church in Clay county, with the Rev. Andy Cloer and the Rev. E. P. Davenport officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

He is survived by one son, W. B. Hogsed of Hayesville; a brother, Samuel Hogsed of Warne, and one sister, Mrs. Tabitha Anderson of Shooting Creek, and 21 grandchildren.

Grady Sutton

Grady Sutton, 60, died Saturday at his home in Hiwassee, Ga.

Funeral services were held at Friendship Baptist church at Hiwassee at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. John Green officiating. Burial was in Osborne cemetery, with Townson funeral home in charge.

Surviving are the widow; two sons, William F. of Atlanta, and Walton R. of Hiwassee; two brothers, H. K. of Hiwassee and Judge I. H. Sutton of Atlanta and Clarksville, Ga., and four grandchildren.

Experiment Station Releases Its Findings

"Research and Farming", quarterly publication of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, has just been released and is available to all citizens who request it.

The cover picture, which portrays a beautiful country home amid its setting of snowladen evergreens, points up the lead-off article dealing with the rural housing problem in North Carolina. Dr. Selz C. Mayo, associate professor of rural sociology at State College and author of the article, writes that low income is the chief cause of poor housing. "In 1939 the net income per farm worker in North Carolina was \$513, of which only \$357 was cash."

Dr. Mayo goes on to point out that farm families often actively resist efforts to improve their housing. He cites the farmer who claims that "A new house won't build a new barn, but a new barn may make a new house possible." The farm family too often considers their house a non-productive element in the whole farm enterprise," he declares. Dr. Mayo also scorns the idea that the log cabin is a hardening element which betters the farm family rather than makes it worse off.

Some of the suggestions which Dr. Mayo makes for improving farm housing are (1) laws that will set minimum standards for rented houses similar to laws already in effect for city apartments; (2) long term and written contracts that will encourage tenants and sharecroppers to improve their dwellings; (3) continued Federal aid for rural housing; and (4) community groups set up to study and improve rural housing.

Dr. Mayo's article is one of seven which appear in the publication. Others cover such subjects as poultry breeding, picking cotton with machines, new varieties of muscadine grapes, and steps for controlling Blue Mold in tobacco.

Copies of the January issue of Research and Farming may be had by writing to the Agricultural Editor, North Carolina State College, Raleigh. Those interested in receiving the publication regularly should ask that their names be placed on the mailing list.

Sylva Laundry Workers Strike

SYLVA—Protesting dismissal of four other employees, 19 women workers of the Sylva laundry went out on strike Monday morning.

Late in the day they were still picketing in front of the establishment. They carried cardboard placards with the words, "This plant is on strike."

Three of the four discharged employees said they had been dismissed as the result of having joined a union now in the process of being organized at the plant. The fourth was dismissed for activity in their behalf, she reported.

Harry Ferguson, owner and operator of the laundry, said Monday night the four dismissed work-

ers were not laid off because of any union activity but because of decreased volume of business. He said he had not been contacted by any representatives of a union.

Mr. Ferguson is the son-in-law of Mrs. T. S. Evans of Murphy.

Upper Peachtree

The Bible school closed here Friday night. A large number took the course and much interest was shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Leguire and children were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Moore.

Miss Kate Burrell was the dinner guest of Miss Jean Curtis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Thomason and small son, Roger Dale, were dinner guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Math Leatherwood.

Charles Griffith spent Sunday with B. A. Breedlove.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Curtis and baby, Margaret, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lunsford.

The Rev. W. T. Truett preached here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Palmer of Marble visited her brother, J. W. Curtis, here Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Robert Barker visited his sister, Mrs. Math Leatherwood, Sunday afternoon.

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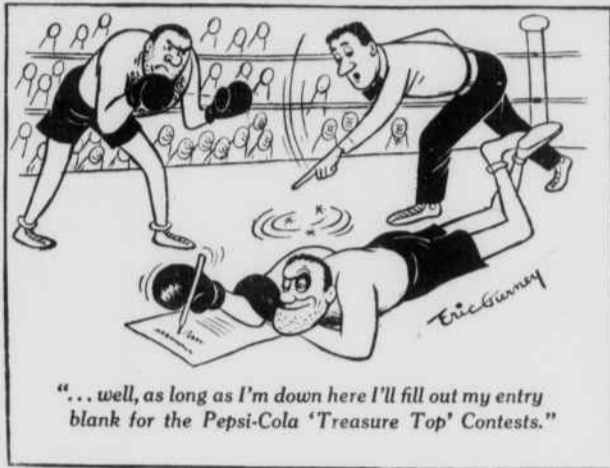
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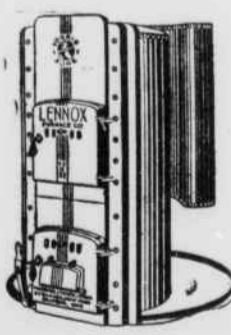
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