

## Readers Of Newspapers Want Better Schools In State

Readers of North Carolina newspaper want better schools, and they know exactly how they want their schools improved.

Preliminary returns to a questionnaire made available to all newspapers in the state by the State Education Commission show that the public is dissatisfied with the present schools. Here's why:

A salesman says, "In traveling through the northwest section of our state, I pass school buildings that are in inadequate conditions. I am sure you will agree with me that only a miracle has prevented a disaster".

He says "Small schools with inadequate teaching staff and curriculum" are a serious weakness in our educational program. His letter is seconded by a farmer, who offers, "I would propose that the state lower the number of pup-

ils required per teacher, or force some type of regional consolidation of the present inefficient plants. This would enable more students in our state to take advanced courses".

A woman who describes herself as "housewife and dirt farmer" points out that good roads are necessary for good schools. She says, "In our part of the state, the southwestern, we are handicapped by the lack of good roads over which busses could run, and our mountain youths feel neglected and left out of things. Later on, you sometimes meet them as delinquents or criminals and the state has to spend more on them than it would have taken to make them good citizens".

Another housewife demands "more fundamentals and fewer frills". She says "It is appalling to me when I listen to our young people read aloud. Even our high school graduates fail to pronounce simple words correctly".

A secretary suggests a compulsory course in human relationship and marriage, as "practical knowledge that might reduce the divorce rate".

Lack of vocational training in many of the rural schools is hit by many of the newspaper readers who have sent in letters along with their answers to the questionnaires.

As a housewife says, "There is the lack of an agricultural teacher in some rural communities where agriculture is the chief source of income. This discrimination as regards schooling has been a constant drain on better rural life, because better thinking and more progressive parents have been forced to move to town in order to provide an education for their children".

A secretary adds "vocational classes should be added and some of the present subject requirements taken off".

A former school teacher who left the profession "because of low salaries and other disagreeable conditions" says that salaries for teachers should be raised considerably to attract those trained teachers who are now working in private industry. This former teacher adds that lack of interest on the part of parents and the general public is a serious handicap to better schools.

Among the good features of the present school system, the returns indicated, are "the desire to progress"; "consolidated schools that make for better schools with more

## Andrews Takes 11 to 5 Victory Over Bulldogs

Andrews high baseball team whipped the Murphy high Bulldogs 11 to 5 here last Friday with the help of 10 Murphy errors and tight control by Harry Rogers in the pinches.

Rogers gave up 6 hits but displayed perfect form when the heat was on. B. Lovingood worked on the mound for Murphy allowing 13 hits, fanning 8 and walking 2. This was Lovingood's second straight game in which he went the complete nine innings this week.

Hawk, West and Raxter lead the Andrews hitters collecting 3 for 6, 3 for 5 and 2 for 5 respectively. Hughes lead Murphy getting 4 for 4, a home run with one on, a triple, double and single and scoring 3 of Murphy's runs. Hawk homered for Andrews.

Teachers, better equipment and a wider range of subject matter; "improved lunchroom facilities"; "fine teachers in the schools of our state (who) are doing a really splendid job despite the handicaps; and "healthy discontent with things as they are."

Bo: scores  
Andrews  
Bristol, ss  
Hawk, 3b  
Tatham, c  
Davis, 1b  
West, lf  
Christy, cf  
Bradley, cf  
Brooks, 2b  
Angel, 2b  
Raxter, rf  
Rogers, p

Totals

Murphy  
Thompson, 2b  
Pendley, lf  
Dewessee, 3b  
Hughes, ss  
Clark, rf  
T. Lovingood, c  
Brendle, cf  
Dockery, 1b  
B. Lovingood, p  
Alexander, A  
Queen, B  
Horton, D

Totals

A Walked for Thompson in 9th.  
B Struck out for Dockery in 9th.  
D Struck out for B. Lovingood in 9th.  
Andrews 131 100 113 — 11  
Murphy 010 202 000 — 5  
Errors, Pendley, Dewessee, Hughes, Clark, T. Lovingood, Dockery.  
Runs batted in, West 3, Hawk.

Hughes 2, Tatham and Clark. 2 base hit, Hughes. 3 base hit, Hughes. West. Home run, Hughes. Hawk. Left on bases, Andrews 12  
Murphy 7. Bases on balls, Andrews 2  
Murphy 6. Strikeouts by Rogers 7, by Lovingood 8. Losing pitcher B. Lovingood Winning Rogers. Umpires, Schuler, Townson. Time 3:00

North Carolina growers intend to plant 10,000 acres of commercial watermelons this year. This figure is slightly above the 1947 acreage.

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