

State School Costs Make Poor Showing

North Carolina Spends Less Than Half Of Average For Entire Nation

Raleigh.—During the school year 1933-34, latest year for which comparable figures are available, the state of North Carolina spent less than one-half the average per pupil for the whole nation. Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, said.

The average per child for the nation was \$67 compared to \$24.18 in North Carolina. Only two states, Mississippi and Arkansas, spent less than North Carolina. New York topped the list with \$124.13 while Arkansas was lowest with \$22.60, the report said.

Among the 16 southern states Maryland ranked high with an expenditure of \$68.64 per pupil in average daily attendance.

Erwin said there are several factors, which contribute to the difference in costs in the several states, including the question of density of population. He said those states in the west and northwest, spent more per capita than the average of the nation, and it is noticeable that the southern states as a group spend less per pupil than the national average, only one southern state, Maryland, being above the national average, he said.

In the northern and central states, teachers are paid more than teachers in other sections of the country, he said. The average salary of teachers in the nation was \$1,217 as compared with the average in the southern states of only \$714.29, Erwin stated.

In North Carolina, however, the state provides a larger percentage of funds for operating the schools than any other state except Delaware. The low per capita expenditure in this state will be increased as the local units vote supplementary taxes, and as the state makes larger appropriations, Erwin said.

Surprises Investigator

Bishop Hill, Ill., March 16.—When Mrs. Mary W. Thompson, 72, filled out an application for a State old age pension she surprised Investigator E. A. Kennedy today by remarking "Mother wants one too." The mother, Mrs. Andrietta Ulrika Oak, wrote as her age. Both were born in Sweden.

NOTICE

Pay your 1935 Taxes on or before April 1st, and save additional penalty.

P. L. Lenderman
Tax Collector, Town of Wilkesboro, N. C.

NOTICE

To Water Consumers of Town of Wilkesboro, N. C.

If you don't want to pay for the water you consume each month, then pay up and quit using same. Unless you pay your water bills promptly it will be necessary to cut the water off as ordered by the board. North Wilkesboro is now charging 33 1/3 per cent more for water supplied our town than formerly, therefore, it is imperative that all water bills be paid promptly—unless you want the minimum rate now charged to be increased.

See me at once and make settlement and avoid the embarrassment of having your water supply cut off from your home or place of business.

P. L. LENDERMAN,
Tax Collector, Town of Wilkesboro, N. C.

NOTICE

LIST YOUR PROPERTY FOR TAXATION, 1936, AS OF APRIL 1ST, 1936

I will meet the taxpayers in the City Hall, North Wilkesboro, N. C., with the County List Takers on each day (except Sundays) from April 17th, 1936, to April 30th, 1936, both dates inclusive, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking lists of the taxable property and polls for the Town of North Wilkesboro for the year 1936.

Owners of real estate are requested to give their lot numbers and the number of block or blocks in which such lots are located, or if land or lots not numbered, give brief description as to location and number of feet or acres owned. This the 18th day of March, 1936.

W. P. KELLY, List Taker
FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH WILKESBORO

Spring Coats, with or without Furs



New York.—Fashion designers say smart dresses can have their furs or leave them alone in spring coat styles. Above left is a self-checked gray woolen, three-quarter length coat with full draped sleeves, trimmed with a flattering collar of blue dyed fox. Right, is an imported navy woolen coat, sans fur, with bishop sleeves and bloused waistline. Both hats are of straw, napv and veiled.

Mother Gives Children to Strangers to Save Them From Hardship, Hunger

San Francisco, March 15.—Mrs. Linda Jones, 22, said tonight she had found happiness by giving her children to strangers—to save them from hardships and hunger.

But the children's paternal grandmother said their father would investigate the action of his estranged wife before he would consent to their adoption.

Mrs. Jones told how she enlisted the help of a woman friend in obtaining new homes for two of her three children.

Adam and Eve Blamed For Planting First Weeds In the Garden of Eden

Evanston, Ill., March 15.—There were no weeds in the Garden of Eden, a Northwestern university botany professor said today.

Not until Eve bit into the apple and Adam had to hoe his own row did the tares of biblical parable spring up. Prof. Oliver Duggins declared.

The botanist made the assertion at the end of a long search for an answer to the question: "Why is a weed a weed?" His answer: "Man."

Ashe County Lady Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Matilda Edmonson, 63, wife of A. W. Edmonson, of Hemlock, died in The Wilkes Hospital here late Tuesday following an extended illness.

She was a member of a well known Ashe county family, being a daughter of the late Elihu and Mary Graybeal. There are three surviving children: Millard Edmonson, Hemlock; Mrs. Hattie Pennington, Fig; and Mrs. Faye Tucker, Tuckerdale.

Funeral and burial services were held Wednesday at the Graybeal cemetery in Ashe county.

ASTRONOMERS STUDY 'SUICIDE' IN HEAVENS

Pasadena, Calif., March 17.—Astronomers at Mt. Wilson observatory here are studying a 7,000,000-year-old "star suicide"—a preview, they say, of what the end of the world may be.

Savants term the star suicide one of the most colossal catastrophes of matter man has been privileged to witness.

Mt. Wilson astronomers discovered this supernova January 18. They trained the world's largest telescope upon it and obtained the first spectrograms ever taken of a supernova.

It was exploding at the rate of 4,000 miles a second, with a temperature of some 300,000 degrees centigrade, and about as brilliant as 20,000,000 suns. It is drooping in intensity and soon may be a darkened mass of neutrons.

LARGE CROWD WILL HEAR CHAIRMAN MEAKINS SATURDAY

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- Antioch 2
- Brushy Mountain 3
- Beaver Creek 2
- Boomer 2
- Eik No. 1 1
- Eik No. 2 1
- Edwards No. 1 3
- Edwards No. 2 3
- Edwards No. 3 3
- Jobs Cabin No. 1 4
- Jobs Cabin No. 2 4
- Lewis Fork 3
- Lovelace 4
- Moravian Falls 5
- Mulberry No. 1 7
- Mulberry No. 2 7
- New Castle 4
- North Wilkesboro No. 1 9
- North Wilkesboro No. 2 6
- Reddies River 11
- Rock Creek 9
- Somers 7
- Stanton 2
- Traphill No. 1 9
- Traphill No. 2 2
- Union 4
- Walnut Grove No. 1 9
- Walnut Grove No. 2 3
- Wilkesboro No. 1 7
- Wilkesboro No. 2 7

Time Is "Critical" For Nation's Roads

Raleigh, March 16.—William T. Chevalier, president-elect of the American Road Builders' Association, tonight told some 400 contractors, engineers and highway officials the nation has reached "a critical stage in its highway program."

He asserted the highway program must be lifted immediately out of the emergency category and made once more an economic measure. The highway, he said, is the basis for one-tenth the national economy and unless the road improvement program is expanded greatly along several lines, the nation faces disastrous consequences.

Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, and Charles M. Upham, director of the Road Builders' Association, also were on the program.

Without criticizing the attempt to solve the unemployment problem through the roads improvement setup, Chevalier said the time has come "to give more thought to what the taxpayer gets for his dollar than to the number of jobs created by that dollar."

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

By C. M. DUKES

When one is old, it is easier to quit work than to begin it. Greatness that is thrust upon a person is rarely of permanent duration.

At the present time, the goddess of sports holds undisputed sway.

Great is the fall of Niagara. No use to cry after the milk is spilled.

Compromise with the devil and he will stay right with you. Only the "low-browed" will "high-brow" you.

No philosophy can take the place of faith. A half-baked fellow is usually a "smug" Alasker.

Every person should strive to keep his face lifted. Even the most talented man should use some tact.

It takes a mighty good cook to cause her husband to love the "left-overs."

A good doctor—one who can give his patient a bitter pill and make him like it.

Loyalty is not much better than none. It's much easier to clip wings than to grow them.

An ex-slave will raise his hat to a lady and be satisfied in the kitchen; a "modernized" negro will push her off the sidewalk and park himself in the parlor.

Lincoln said, when asked how long a man's legs should be, "They should reach the ground." Today, it makes no difference, he doesn't walk any more anyway.

A noble girl—one who keeps no secrets from her mother. It's as easy to believe that a frog is a fallen eagle as it is to believe that an eagle is a risen frog.

A person who is determined to be an ass should learn to bray. Greater love hath no boy for his father than for the boy just to let his father wear out rather than to rust out.

Take the "pie" from the political counters and the ardor will melt like snow in August. The "Model-T" has lost its "high standing."

A dictator will wield his scepter of authority and yet claim that he is a servant of the people.

About 4,000 fugitives from justice in the United States are detected by fingerprints annually.

Wilkesboro Route One And Purlear News Of Interest

The most severe blizzard, perhaps ever witnessed in this locality swept over this section Tuesday, March snow and rain were driven by a terrific wind.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Minton, of North Wilkesboro, visited Mrs. Minton's mother, Mrs. Julia Nichols, Sunday.

Mr. Wayne Chazotte, who is attending A. S. T. C. at Newbern, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Church.

Mr. E. C. Eller, who has been very sick, is much improved, his friends will be glad to learn.

We are glad to note that the family of W. M. Hays, who have been very sick with flu, are recovering.

Mrs. Walter Pierce continues very sick, her friends will be sorry to learn.

On last Sunday a family reunion was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jas. T. Nichols, also a birthday dinner was given in honor of their daughter, Arlene, it being her 15th birthday.

It was a happy day for the family and a most enjoyable occasion. The six children of the family were all at home together for the first time in several years.

Quincy, Earl and his family, Doris, Dolly and her husband, Mr. J. H. Stancill, all of Winston-Salem, Mabel and her husband, Mr. T. G. Miller and family, of Idelwild.

It was a great pleasure to witness the joy that came to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and the children as they once more sit round the dining table together. Miss Arline received several presents, among which was a guitar presented to her by her brothers and sisters.

CONFESSION ALLEGED IN GASTON HOMICIDE

Gastonia, March 16.—Gaston county officers announced tonight Kenneth Bailey, 19, had signed a written confession that he beat Zeb V. Harmon, 62-year-old barber, to death and robbed him of \$30.

Bailey was quoted by officers as saying he gave half the money to his 22-year-old uncle, James Bailey, but insisted he was unaided in the slaying.

Harmon's body was found in his automobile on a country road between here and Beasemer City 10 days ago.

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