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NUMBER IN SCHOOL LARGE IN STATE

Is Next To Top in School Attendance. Low in Capital Income and Resources

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, April 9.—North Carolina is "next to the top in people to go to school; next to the bottom in income with which to pay the bills," which is just another way of saying that while this State ranks low in expenditures per pupil, it is near the top in the amount spent, in relation to State income.

The old "God bless South Carolina" for being on the bottom and saving this State from that ignominy is thus relegated to the past when this State's "effort" to educate its children is compared with the "effort" of the other states. The relation of the number of children to educate, to the income of the people of the State, as compared with other states, places North Carolina in a much favorable position, figures compiled by H. C. West, statistician, State Department of Public Instruction, show.

North Carolina ranked 12th in population in 1930, but this State was second only to South Carolina in the proportion of population of children from 6 to 17 years of age, those presumably in school. Naturally, this makes the educational problem in North Carolina, both in a relative and in an absolute sense, much larger than it is in many states, Mr. West points out.

Economic resources to meet this situation play an important part, but are hard to determine. The U. S. Bureau of the Census made an estimate for 1922 and placed North Carolina in 43rd place on the basis of per capita wealth. The National Industrial Conference Board, an organization of research economists, gave out figures for 1929 and 1930, which placed this State in the same relative position, that of 43rd. Wealth increased, but the increase in population was some greater, so that the per capita wealth decreased from 1922 to 1930.

"A ranking of 43rd in per capita wealth compared with the position of 2nd in percentage of folks to be educated gives some idea of how big is the problem of financing schools in North Carolina," Mr. West states, adding that this phase should be considered in attempting to measure results in the various states. "Size of the job to be done is an important factor—frequently omitted—in the elevation of accomplishment."

North Carolina ranks low in per capita income, from which must be paid all educational costs. In estimating the income by states for 1930, the Research Division of the National Education Association put North Carolina in 47th place. Only Alabama and Mississippi ranked lower, the District of Columbia being classed as a state, making 49. When this estimated total income is divided by the number of children 6 to 17 years of age, those to be given schooling, the position of North Carolina drops to 48th place, because of the large number of children to be educated, or, summarized: "next to the top in people to go to school; next to the bottom in income with which to pay the bills."

So, it is no wonder that this State ranks low when classed with other states in per pupil expenditures. On the basis—current expenses costs per pupil in average daily attendance North Carolina for the school year 1929-30 was in 43rd position, with only six states, all in the South, spending less per pupil than did this State. The relative position of the State in per pupil cost is the same as that per capita wealth and just a little above that for per capita income.

Although it is unfair to say that the amount of money spent is the sole criterion for everlasting results, this factor must be considered. It would certainly be boastful to say that North Carolina can secure as good results as other states on half the cost. In fact, the actual average for this State in 1929-30 was some less than half of the average per pupil expenditure in the United States.

Based on the size of the job as compared with the resources to meet it, it could well be argued that North Carolina is doing all that is possible for schools. But if the children of this State are to have equal opportunity with those of other states, greater effort must be expended, Mr. West concludes.

Twenty states were unable to equal the average expenditure in the nation for current expense costs of public schools, 15 of them southern or border states. Yet, seven of the number, Utah, New Mexico, West Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi and Oklahoma, are mak-

New Motor Vehicles Sold Shows Increase

Raleigh, Apr. 9.—New Motor vehicles bought in North Carolina in March reached more than three times the number purchased in March a year ago, and vehicles purchased in the first three months of this year are more than twice the number bought in the first three months of last year, Director L. S. Harris, of the bureau, reports.

March purchases numbered 3526, or 2980 passenger cars and 907 trucks, as compared with 1106 vehicles, 907 cars and 199 trucks, in March, 1933. During the past three months 8746 vehicles, 6642 cars and 2104 trucks, were bought new, as compared with 4339 vehicles, 3508 cars and 831 trucks, in the same period of 1933.

Chevrolets led in new car sales in March with 1081 sales, followed by Ford 825, Plymouth 566, Pontiac 101 Dodge 93, Terraplane 72, Studebaker 50, Hudson 37, Buick and Chrysler 36 each. New trucks sold were Chevrolet 294, Ford 165, Dodge 74, International 28.

All N. C. Teachers Will Be Paid This Year

Raleigh, Apr. 9.—North Carolina teachers will get every penny due them for every day they teach in the public schools, Governor Ehringhaus has promised, and Frank L. Dunlap, in charge of the budget, promises that the money will be available. It is thought likely that the general fund will be probably \$2,500,000 short at the time the teachers get their final pay, but the highway fund is available to it for any deficiency, and can be repaid later, it is stated.

About \$13,000,000 of \$16,000,000 appropriation for schools was set aside for instructional service by the State School Commission, and this is sufficient to pay all teacher salaries, LeRoy Martin, secretary, states. The impression was current that because of the efforts to get federal aid, the money would be lacking. Such aid can be used, but teachers will get their pay whether it is secured or not, officials state.

TWO OLD STORES HAVE BEEN TORN DOWN

Two more of the old dilapidated buildings on Turner Street, were leveled to the ground this week and a force is busy removing the debris. This was done, so the News was informed, by the owner of the property, Mr. Carl Chadwick immediately upon the request of the Building Inspector, Mr. D. M. Jones. These buildings were a fire menace and the lots when cleared off will advertise themselves for business property.

P. T. A. MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED

The P. T. A. held its regular meeting Tuesday night March 19 at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

In order to create the interest of the parents in school athletics the Athletic Association was responsible for the program. Coach Bob Fetzer and Coach Bun Hern, both outstanding coaches at the University of North Carolina, gave very entertaining talks.

A large number of parents, young men and school children attracted by the speakers, attended the meeting. The attendance prize was won by the third A grade.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17 at 8:15 o'clock. Every parent is urged to be present as it is the last meeting of the association and officers for next year will be elected.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL MEET TUESDAY THE 17th

The regular monthly meeting of Carteret Post No. 99 American Legion will be held in the hut Tuesday evening, April 17. All members are urged to be present as their is urgent business to come before the post.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gerald M. Whitehurst and Jennie Mae Brandenburg, Straits.
Clarence G. Willis and Ruby M. Arthur, Beaufort.
Marvin E. Willis and Margaret Wade.
Caesar Stanley and Georgia Campbell, Beaufort.

ing greater effort, based on income, than the average of the United States, money available not equaling the national average.

Speedometers are to be installed on 100 engines of a railway in England.

BANKING IN STATE SHOWS UP BETTER

Resources Increase Nearly \$28-000,000 In Past Six Months Good Progress Being Made

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, April 9.—Continued improvement of the banking situation in North Carolina is reflected in the report of the condition of State banks as of December 30, 1933, when an increase of resources of nearly \$28-000,000 over six months before, and less than \$9,000,000 below the resources of a year before, are shown in the figures issued by Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood.

Resources of \$203,295,400 were shown at December 30, as compared with \$175,655,727 last June 30, six months before, and as compared with \$212,156,020 a year before—before the banking holiday closed so many banks, numbers to remain closed. The call for condition of banks as of March 5, which may be expected in the next week or two, will reflect still more improvement, it is sure.

The 195 banks with 42 branches, last December, had \$60,461,056 in cash and due from banks, as compared with \$45,695,550 in 215 banks with 79 branches a year before. Federal, State, municipal and other stocks and bonds increased from \$47,979,737 to \$59,393,711 in the year. Loans and discounts dropped from \$104,913,530 to \$69,931,618 in the same year. Value of banking houses and sites went down about \$3,000,000, from slightly more than \$9,000,000 in the year.

On the ability side of the account regular demand deposits increased more than a million dollars, to \$72,259,223, while regular individual savings dropped \$5,802,759, or to \$25,087,320 during the depression year. All deposits, with minor items of accrued taxes, expense and interest, and bills payable and discounts, showed a slight decrease of about \$1-500,000, to \$174,496,688 in the year. The capital stock, surplus, undivided profits and reserves were shown to be \$26,751,365, a drop of about \$7,500,000 in the year.

As compared with six months ago, however, good progress is shown in most of the items. Cash and due from banks increased from \$45,000,000 to \$60,000,000; stock and bond holdings increased from \$41,000,000 to \$59,000,000; deposits of all kinds increased from \$147,000,000 to \$174,000,000; capital stock, surplus, undivided profits and reserves just about held their own at \$26,000,000.

Resources of industrial banks, which had dropped from \$14,728,938 a year ago to \$10,505, six months later, had increased to \$11,176,417 last December 30.

PRINCIPALS OF BOTH SCHOOLS ARE RE-ELECTED

At a meeting of the school board Saturday night, R. L. Fritz, Jr., Principal of the Beaufort Graded School and L. R. Best, Principal of the Colored School were re-elected for the ensuing year. Mr. William Potter, teacher and Athletic Coach, and applicant for the position of principal was re-elected to his old position. This was the only teacher passed on at this meeting. The following are members of the school board: R. B. Wheatly, Robert King, N. W. Taylor, Sam Gibbs, Raymond Ball, Lon Hill, Halsey Paul, John Dill. Mr. Paul is Secretary of the Board.

POLICE COURT HAS ONE CASE

Only one case was tried in Police Court before Mayor Bayard Taylor, Monday night. Last Saturday a car driven by Prentice Longest on Ann Street, met and collided with a car driven by Henry Hill on Live Oak Street. It was proven to the satisfaction of the Mayor that Henry Hill did not comply with the ordinance which requires cars on Live Oak Street to stop at the corner before coming into Ann Street, so Hill was convicted and sentenced to twenty days on the streets or paying a ten dollar fine.

The case of John Wolfe did not come up, due to the absence of the defendant from court.

MRS. HENDRIX PRESENTS HOLLYWOOD REVUE

Mrs. H. M. Hendrix is presenting at Beaufort Graded School Auditorium Friday evening, for the benefit of the Missionary Society of Ann Street Methodist Church, a musical, Hollywood Revue. The caste is all local talent and promises an evening of entertainment.

Males of voting age in Argentina must vote of pay a fine.

HOME AGENT GIVES REPORT OF WORK

Seventeen Meetings Held In March. New Club Organized At Sea Level

During the month of March, seventeen Home Demonstration Meetings have been held in Carteret County, with a total attendance of two hundred eighty nine women. One new club at Wildwood, has been organized, making a total of eighteen Home Demonstration Clubs in the county. Seventy five new members have been enrolled in the various clubs during this month. One Leader's School, conducted by Miss Hunter, Clothing Specialist, from State College, Raleigh, was held with an attendance of thirty-four women.

The subject for the meetings this month was Commercial Patterns. Each woman who attended these meetings was urged to work out a dependable pattern for herself, and instruction was given in the alteration of patterns to fit various figures. Sixty-four patterns for undergarments have been cut in the office and distributed to the various Clothing Leaders over the county, and these women in turn will help each club member cut a pattern for herself and other members of her family. In addition to this, an exhibit of garments made from sacks has been shown to each club, and several hundred bulletins instructions as to how to bleach, dye, and make attractive garments from sacks, have been distributed.

Subjects other than clothing, such as Gardening, and Recreation and Home Beautification, have been discussed at these meetings. A Home Beautification Leader, and Recreation Leader from each club have been elected to help stimulate interest in this work. A large number of Government bulletins on these subjects have been given to these leaders.

4-H Work

Six Junior and three Senior 4-H Club meetings have been held during the past month with an attendance of three hundred six members. The subject for the Senior 4-H clubs was Commercial Patterns. Patterns for undergarments have been left with each club President, and the members are planning to make one undergarment during the coming month. In addition to this, the subject of health has been discussed, and suggestions to how the members may improve their health. As the rolls are called at our next meetings, each girl will answer by telling one thing that she has done during the month to improve her physical condition.

A sewing box, fully equipped with all the articles needed by the girls who sew, was exhibited by the Home Agent at the Junior 4-H meetings, and a number of children showed boxes that they had equipped for this purpose. A large number of children had made towels from sacks or scraps of material that they found at home. These children were also urged to improve their health by forming good health habits.

A New Home Demonstration Club Organized at Sea Level March 29th. Met at School Building

Pres. Mrs. M. F. Mason.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. H. C. Taylor
Sec Miss Dovie Salter.
Recreational Leader—Miss Gladys Taylor.

Home Beautification Leader—Mrs. Calvin Taylor.
Treas.—Miss Lydia Mason.
Clothing Leader—Miss Lucy Hamilton, Mrs. Alva Taylor.

Members—Messames Wallace Willis, Jasper Daniels, William Gaskill, Willie Willis, Tilmon Taylor, Moody Rose, Harvey Salter, George Willis, John Stryon, David Gaskill, Jordan Mason, Leon Salter, Levi Fulcher, Alton Lewis, Eugene Gaskill, Edward Willis, Howard Fulcher, Sidney Mason, L. D. Lewis, Lewis H. Taylor, Harvey Taylor, M. H. Taylor, Merius Neilson, John Lupton, Josephine Small, Vernon Taylor, Avery Taylor, Edward Taylor, Milton Taylor, Norwood Paul, Ulmont Rose Allen Taylor, Misses Marie Taylor, Mamie Taylor, Nellie Gaskill, Lela Taylor, Elva Salter, Leona Gaskill, Leola Elliott.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

The Reverend Worth Wicker, Rector of St. Paul's Parish left yesterday to attend the Conference of the Province of Sevanee now in session in Raleigh. This is one of the most important church meetings of recent months and is being largely attended by the Bishops of the Dioceses of the Province and the clergyman, as well as some of the outstanding laity.

When the United States entered the world war in 1917, the air divisions of the National Guard were among the first ready for the front.

N. C. Teachers Among Lowest Paid in Nation

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, Apr. 10.—No state in the nation is paying teachers as much as they are paid in North Carolina. This is one of the several rumors that is going the rounds in the State, others being that there are only three states paying more, and another that 41 states are paying less. N. C. teachers would be happy if either were true.

But neither of them is true, the truth being that teachers in this State are being paid among the lowest salaries in the nation, as has been ascertained by all figures that are available at this time, in a bulletin issued by the Public Relations Committee of the N. C. Education Association, of which Guy B. Phillips, Greensboro, was chairman until his recent election as president.

In North Carolina, the bulletin shows, on figures of the State School Commission, \$81,501,216 has been allotted to teachers, \$9,106,887 to white teachers and \$2,394,329 to negro teachers. The number of teachers allotted in the State is 23,077, or 16,528 white and 6,549 negro. By a simple process of division, it is found that the teachers received an average of \$498 a year, \$550 for white and \$365 for negro teachers. Figured further, the bulletin points out, the teachers get \$41.50 a month, or \$1.36 a day, on the 12 months basis.

Figures will not be available entirely accurately until after the year has ended and they can be compiled, but the appropriations for teacher salaries are taken as a basis, and with the funds the Federal government is now adding, the assumption is that they will be paid on that basis for the entire length of term. With that and other slight inaccuracies in mind, figures for 28 states have been gathered and are given as follows:

North Carolina, \$498; Alabama, \$520; Arkansas, \$440; Connecticut, \$1,580; Delaware, \$1,413; Florida, \$800; Illinois, \$1,000; Indiana, \$1,100; Iowa, \$547; Maryland, 10 per cent cut; Massachusetts, \$1,838; Michigan, \$994.35; Minnesota, \$500 to \$900; Mississippi, \$406; Nevada, \$920 to \$1,200; New Mexico, \$400; Ohio, \$702 to \$1,642; Oklahoma, \$630; Pennsylvania, slight reduction; Rhode Island, \$1,680; South Carolina, \$462 plus supplements; South Dakota, \$459 to \$1,033; Texas, \$722; Utah, \$950; Vermont, \$797; Virginia, \$601; West Virginia, \$600 to \$1,026; Wyoming, \$600 to \$1,200.

ONLY ONE CASE TRIED IN RECORDER'S COURT

Recorder's Court Tuesday morning was short and snappy, there being only one case which was disposed of in short order. One case was not pressed, that of Charles Anderson, charge with assaulting a minor. Case against Ab Smith was continued.

Wiley Wilson, charged with assault with deadly weapon was found guilty, convicted and sentenced to serve four months in jail, to be assigned to work on the Court-house grounds and to do such other work as he may be instructed to do under direction and supervision of caretaker of the grounds for Carteret County.

BEAUTIFY SCHOOL GROUNDS

Many improvements in the high school grounds at Newport, have been made by the vocational agriculture pupils under the supervision of C. S. Long, teacher.

According to his monthly report to Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, the students have been sowing grass seed and setting out and pruning shrubs about the school ground. These improvements will do much to beautify the appearance of the school.

The class also has devoted much time to the community fruit tree pruning, which has been a distinct asset to fruit growers in the community. The student also spent much time in preparing for the Carteret County Track Meet, an annual event, which was held April 6.

ENTERTAINS BOOK CLUB

Mrs. M. L. Davis entertained the Literary Dept. of the Community Club Monday evening April 2 with nine members present.

Roll call answered by interesting current events, following which Mrs. Roberts, gave a splendid paper on Adolf Hitler.

The hostess served delicious refreshments at the close of the hour.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Potter with Mrs. Roland Davis and Mrs. Privette as joint hostesses.

The speed of our naval seaplanes will be boosted from 100 to 140 miles an hour by a new development.

NEW CONSTITUTION INCREASES POWER

Would Give Give Governor Power to Appoint Local Officers

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, April 9.—Add to the powers the Governor of North Carolina has now "the power to appoint the local officers of counties and towns, the selection of an appointive State Board of Education which could name all of the school teachers of the State, give him the veto power, and increase the opportunity for executive appointees and employees to sit in the General, and there would be created such a political machine as only a revolution could break or even dent."

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit made this statement along with others on "The Proposed New Constitution" at his home town of Oxford Saturday afternoon, in a summary of his speech, issued to the press.

In an analysis he made of the proposed constitution, he said that under it "the legislature could confer on the Governor the power to appoint every officer of every county, town and municipality in the State.

"It would place our public schools under control of a State Board of Education composed of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and six appointees of the Governor. That board could appoint a secretary, in effect to be chosen by the Governor, and confer on this secretary power which should be exercised by the Superintendent of Public Instruction elected by the people. That appointive board could select every teacher in every public school in the State. "It would give the veto power to the Governor in the most dangerous and obnoxious form. Under the plan of the proposed new constitution a minimum vote of 26 in the Senate and 61 in the House would be required to pass a bill over such a veto."

Mr. Brummit said its proponents admit that it would remove many restrictions imposed upon the General Assembly now, and that it is equally certain that it increases the opportunity for domination and absorption of legislative powers by the executive. He said that today the highway and other departments with large numbers of employees are directly under control of the Governor. "He can, in the choice of three men as members of the State Board of Elections, control the selection of every Democratic election official in the State," he said.

Admitting that changes in the Constitution are desired, he asked his hearers to reject the proposed constitution and suggested changes, making it impossible for the State Treasurer to audit the school funds; preserve the right of the people to elect some of their local officials.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

I. M. Gaskill et al to Carl A. Gaskill, 2 3-4 acres Harkers Island, for \$1.

I. E. Ramsey, Mortgagee to W. B. Lawrence, 10 acres Straits, for \$310. Gurney P. Hood, Com. of Banks to State of North Carolina, 1 tract Smyrna, for \$1000.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some anomalies must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Friday, April 13	Low Tide
7:48 a. m.		1:39 a. m.
8:05 p. m.		1:42 p. m.
Saturday, April 14		
8:30 a. m.		2:24 a. m.
8:47 p. m.		2:24 p. m.
Sunday, April 15		
9:10 a. m.		3:07 a. m.
9:26 p. m.		3:05 p. m.
Monday, April 16		
9:50 a. m.		3:47 a. m.
10:16 p. m.		3:46 p. m.
Tuesday, April 17		
10:28 a. m.		4:29 a. m.
10:45 p. m.		4:27 p. m.
Wednesday, April 18		
10:58 a. m.		5:10 a. m.
11:07 p. m.		5:11 p. m.
Thursday, April 19		
11:26 a. m.		5:59 a. m.
11:46 p. m.		6:00 p. m.