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Needs New Thinking

As those in business find it increasingly hard to find good skilled labor and many of the unskilled find it increasingly hard to make a good living, it would seem time that some of our schools in rural North Carolina re-think its training program.

Today a girl or boy with good typing and or bookkeeping skill should have little difficulty in finding employment in almost any section. The same is true of boys with mechanical or electronic skills.

It is true that in some of the consolidated high schools such courses are offered and in most high schools agricultural courses are being taught in spite of declining numbers of farmers.

It seems to us that where we should do our replanning is in the field of vocational agriculture. It has been our observation that while numbers of high school students have made good records in those fields, and have learned quite a bit about the practice of farming, that very few boys after taking these courses ever put their skills to work on the farm. Largely, it seems, we are teaching our boys skills that they will never use. While it is possible that

there may be some cultural value in the program, it is hard to justify the teaching of skills to boys when hardly 10 per cent will ever put this training to practical use.

We think that this training should be shifted to adult farmers, persons who really need and will use the training, and the schools should devote their time to training students for skills needed in an urban society.

We realize that such changes can not be made overnight, but we do think it's time that school authorities give thought to considerable reduction in vocational agricultural classes if not abolishing them altogether.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

April 21, 1961

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night approved Macon as the site for a Junior High School.

More than 1700 persons have completed forms in a labor survey conducted here by the Bute Development Company.

Larry Hayes was the winning pitcher as John Graham downed Aurelian Springs on Friday afternoon.

The Girls Softball Team, known as "Baptist Eagles," of the Warrenton Baptist Church defeated the Junior Boys Baseball Team in softball Monday afternoon.

April 20, 1956

The Warrenton Volunteer Rural Fire Department will stage a dance here tonight in an effort to raise funds.

A mass TB x-ray will begin in Warren County this morning.

The John Graham High School Junior-Senior Prom was held at the armory Friday night.

Alex Katzenstein and Bill Delbridge were in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon where they met with Capius Waynick seeking industry for Norlina and Warren County.

April 18, 1941

Final exercises for practically all schools in Warren County will be held on next Friday night.

The board of town commissioners in special session Monday night agreed to spend a sum not exceeding \$1,000 for renovation of Hotel Warren's dining room.

J. Edward Allen was unanimously re-elected superintendent of Warren County schools by the board of education Monday.

Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Roy Shearin captured a small still in Shocco Township yesterday morning.

Warren UDC Chapter Is Represented At Meeting

Mrs. W. R. Baskerville and Mrs. Henry F. Twitty represented the Warren County Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the meeting of District Eight, held in the assembly room of the First Methodist Church, Henderson, Friday.

Mrs. Ernest J. Meiere, Jr., State Division President, U. D. C., made the principle address. She was introduced by Mrs. H. F. Twitty who gave the report of the Warren County U. D. C. Chapter, and the two C. of C. chapters of which she is leader.

Mrs. Twitty reported that the Warren Chapter UDC won the Ethel Tingen silver bowl, a State Award, for the most imaginative and inspiring program among the youth of the community. This program was the patriotic-historic flag pageant, "Flags of America," presented last year at the district meeting held in Warrenton.

She also reported that the Warren County Junior Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, Warrenton, had won the silver vase, Lane Annual Award, for the best report of a C. of C. Chapter with membership under 25 members.

Mrs. E. J. Meiere in her address, spoke on the educational work of the organization and of the scholarships given annually to deserving students.

The Eighth district voted to start an endowment fund for a scholarship to be awarded

to a graduate student from the district who wanted to study medicine. Mrs. Sterns of the Johnston-Pettigrew Chapter, Raleigh, started the fund on Friday with a check for \$100.00. Members or persons interested in contributing to this scholarship fund, are asked to send a check to Mrs. C. L. Purdy, treasurer, Warren County Chapter, and state that it is for the Medical Scholarship of District 8.

Mrs. B. G. Morgan, former district director, presided in the absence of Mrs. James Love of Durham. Mrs. R. G. Young of Henderson is president of the Hostess chapter. Mrs. W. O. Crotts, Division Recorder of Crosses of Military Service, of Charlotte, spoke on the patriotic phase of the Military Crosses and of the significance in awarding them for military service.

Mrs. Meiere spoke of the Children of the Confederacy Room in the Memorial Building, Richmond, Va., and of the need for 12 chairs for use for board meetings for the room. As N. C. has furnished the room, and it has been known as "The North Carolina Room," it was suggested that each of the 12 districts in N. C. furnish one chair. It was voted that each chapter contribute on a per capita basis, 20¢ per member.

Following the business session, a delightful luncheon was held in the fellowship hall in the church basement.

threat to its operation. Members of the Board of Education have said that if there were any way to keep the school in operation they would favor it in view of the patrons' wishes. At the same time they admitted that the school is badly crowded, that it is not feasible to build a new school there, and that state approval to such building is highly improbable. They recognize that eventually the school must be closed.

In the proposal considered by the board Tuesday night no mention was made of proportions of integrations. The proposal said, in effect, that the Littleton school could be operated in the same manner next year as this year provided that the high school department of the Haliwa school be abolished.

Advisory

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the use and care of all school facilities and properties.

Council members appointed by the board Tuesday night include:

Littleton — Mrs. James Clark, chairman; C. W. Egerston, Jr., Mrs. Sue Skinner.

North Warren — Delbert Alvin Baskerville, Rt. 1, Warrenton, chairman; James Plummer Seward, Rt. 1, Warrenton; John Smith Hunt, Rt. 1, Warrenton; Mrs. Nina Genola Goode, Rt. 1, Macon.

Norlina High School — R. A. Clark, William J. Hicks, William Hawks, Leonard M. Bender, and Mrs. Leigh Traylor.

Schools

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with some of the funds being provided by Halifax County. This fell through and Halifax County ruled that after this year Halifax County students could not attend the school. This would result in not enough students to operate the high school.

The proposal of the Office of Education was that Halifax County pupils not be permitted to attend the Littleton High School; that the Haliwa school be closed and pupils sent to other schools; and that Hecks Grove, a small elementary school in the southern part of the county be closed. It was also suggested that a number of Negro high school students now attending McIver Negro school at Littleton be returned to Warren County, and that at least 600 Negroes be enrolled in Warren County schools where the enrollment is predominantly white.

The school board found this unpalatable. The members instructed Supt. Peeler to seek to find a less harsh remedy. Peeler went to Washington to talk with representatives of the USOE, and has engaged in further communication by letter and telephone since that time.

A few weeks ago Rep. Kenneth Haddock submitted a proposal that the Haliwa school

and the Hecks Grove school be closed and that Littleton be continued next year with pupils from Halifax County being permitted to attend this school. In return the county was to attempt to have 600 more Negro students enrolled in predominantly white schools and with the further suggestion in regard to students attending McIver that "Warren bring its children home."

Patrons of the Haliwa schools are insistent that the school be continued and much bitterness has arisen over any

John R. Hawkins - George Shearin, Mrs. Conrad Silver, the Rev. Robert Burnett, Mrs. Leora Davis, and Henry Stamper.

Vaughan Elementary-Johnnie C. Williams, Rt. 1, Littleton; Mrs. Mayonie Turner, Rt. 3, Littleton; Mrs. Rebecca Williams, Rt. 2, Macon; Mrs. Ellen Brinkley, Rt. 1, Littleton; Mrs. Nancy Boyd, Macon.

Northside Elementary School-Alfred Coleman, Rt. 3, Norlina, chairman; James Boyd, Jr., Rt. 1, Manson; Willie Burnette, Rt. 1, Manson; Mrs. Barbara M. Allen, Rt. 2, Norlina.

South Warren had not completed its selection at the time the appointments were made Tuesday night. Members of the council for this school will be appointed later.

Scouts

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cess.

It was also announced that an Open House will be held at Camp Graham Sunday, April 24, from 2 to 5 p. m. Parents

Pentecostal Church To Hold Revival

Revival services will begin at the Warrenton Pentecostal Holiness Church on April 27 at 7:30 p. m. and will continue each evening through May 1. Mrs. Clara Thompson of Henderson will be the guest evangelist.

The public is invited to attend the services. of each Girl Scout are invited to attend.

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'I Saw Spring Today'

By MRS. H. M. COX in The Smithfield Herald

I saw spring today. A little boy playing in the sand in his yard. A dog prancing down the street. A young teenage boy following his mother into a store, yellow plaid shirt, tousled head of hair, with spring showing in his happy care free face. Two little sprigs of flowers, about as high as one's hand, pushing their way out from between two slabs of pavement. Their rebirth had been completed, for their dainty small heads were made of blossoms.

Yes, I saw spring today, and she was adorned like a bride. Oh beautiful, wonderful, glorious springtime.

Overdose Of Praise

An overdose of praise is like ten lumps of sugar in coffee; only a very few people can swallow it.—Emily Post.

Changes Proposed In Hunting Season

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission this week announced several minor changes in statewide open season hunting dates, including a recommendation to change the traditional Oct. 15 deer season opening date to Oct. 14 for the 1966-67 hunting season.

If the Commissions recommendations are adopted, this year's open deer, bear and boar season will be from Oct. 14 through Jan. 2.

Other open season date change recommendations for 1966-67 include a four-day addition to the open season date for turkey, rabbit and quail with the new open season dates extending from Nov. 19 through Feb. 18.

Public hearings on the new commission proposals will be held in each of North Carolina's nine wildlife districts during the month of May.

The hearing for district 3, of which Warren County is a part, will be held on May 18, at the city court room in Rocky Mount at 7:30 p. m. Following these public hearings, the Commission will meet in Raleigh on June 7 to adopt final regulations for the 1966-67 hunting season.

In Australia, snow falls in June and Christmas can be so hot that the bathing beaches are crowded.

Witnesses To Go To Virginia Beach

Jehovah's Witnesses will go to Virginia Beach this weekend to attend another three day training conference, R. Edgar Limer, Jr., overseer of the local Central Unit congregation said yesterday.

He said meetings here will be cancelled so the members can take advantage of three days of advanced training in the art of starting and conducting home Bible studies with interested persons.

The sessions, which start Friday evening at 6:45 in the Alan Shepard Convention Center, will follow the theme, "Make Disciples of People of all the Nations - Teaching them."

Limer said their organization was gearing itself for the greatest era of Bible teaching the world has ever seen. He said every witness is working to qualify himself or herself to become a competent teacher.

Skillmans To Return

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Skillman, who have been visiting in Florida since the first of the year, are expected to return to their home at Arcola during the weekend. This week they visited their son, Mr. Frank Skillman, and family in Kinston, and Mrs. Skillman's sister, Mrs. Robert Stuart Brodie, and the Rev. Mr. Brodie in Grifton.

Local Student Named To Duke Dean's List

Durham — Robert F. Fleming has been named to the Dean's List at Duke University for the fall semester on the basis of high academic standing.

An overall academic average of 3.0 of a possible 4.0 is required in order to receive this recognition.

Mr. Fleming is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fleming, Henderson.

Warren Boy Among Cadets Making Tour

Johnny M. Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Glenn Coleman of Warrenton, Rt. 2, was a member of the group of cadets from Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., who were recently taken on a tour of Fort Lee, Va., under the sponsorship of the U. S. Army ROTC instructor Group at the school.

Some 88 cadets made the visit, which included briefings on major post facilities, an inspection of television-equipped classrooms, a tour of the Airborne Department and museum, and lunch in a modern army dining hall. The cadets also visited the historical battlefield at Petersburg, Va.

Cards Of Thanks

Copy for cards of thanks must be in this office by Tuesday night, unless if possible, accompanied by \$1.00 to cover cost of insertion.

Mrs. Selma Crafter of Newport News, Va., wishes to thank each and everyone for their deepest sympathy, cards and flowers during the death of her aunt Mrs. Selma Jenkins. Thank you.

I would like to express my thanks to the many wonderful people who visited, sent cards and flowers and did so many nice things for me during my recent stay in Maria Parham Hospital, Henderson.

MRS. ALLEN FISHER

I wish to express my appreciation to the many friends and neighbors and relatives for all their thoughtful kindnesses. I was given sick room furniture, beautiful flowers, food, enjoyable visits and the cards and letters I received gave much comfort and pleasure. Special thanks go to Dr. Kornegay and the hospital staff for their patience and understanding during my stay at the sanitarium. EMILY B. MILAM Macon