

Thorough Physical Checks Necessary

It's back to school for millions of American youngsters in a few weeks.

It's starting school for the first time for the kindergarten or first graders, several million of them.

There's no one season of the year that is best for physical checkups. In fact, the health care of your family should be a constant affair throughout the year.

But, if you have been putting off a visit to the family doctor for your small fry, now is a good time to phone for an appointment, with the reopening of school in the offing.

Your doctor will probably want to check the children's vision and hearing. Small children can, and frequently do, suffer gradual changes in their eyes or loss of hearing without realizing it. Either of these conditions can play havoc with school grades and social adjustment in the classroom. If your child wears glasses, they should be rechecked to make certain his prescription is still suitable.

The small child who can't see the blackboard clearly or can't hear the teacher's questions is frustrated and baffled.

A dental checkup also is important. Many schools now encourage pupils to bring a certificate from a dentist each year

showing that an examination has been made. Small cavities can be filled before they become major dental problems, and potentially serious dental troubles often can be corrected if discovered early.

Ask your doctor also whether your children are properly immunized against the various contagious diseases that threaten children and adults. A return to the indoor life of the school room exposes the child to infection to a much greater degree than the outdoor life of the summer months. Vaccines against smallpox, polio, tetanus (lockjaw), whooping cough and diphtheria are now routine. New measles vaccines are now on the market. Make certain your family is protected.

If your child is planning to participate in vigorous sports on one of the school teams, let your doctor know. He will examine the youngster to make certain there are no health conditions that would interfere with participation. Schools now generally require a doctor's certificate for the student to "go out for the team."

Adults need periodic physical checkups too, even though they may be feeling fine. While scheduling examinations for the children, don't forget the older members of the family.

Basic Curriculum Same For Chapel Hill Schools

The basic curriculum in the Chapel Hill school system is unchanged from last year. However, some changes have been made in the Chapel Hill Senior High School and Lincoln High School curriculum.

School Superintendent Howard Thompson will soon release a detailed report of these changes. Briefly, he said, the recommendations of the Citizens Committee for Chapel Hill Schools' high school curriculum evaluating committee have been followed "almost completely."

Compliance with these recommendations, in effect, has resulted in enrichment of the curriculum for college-bound high school students, and a "more applicable" curriculum for non-college-bound students.

The rearrangement of existing

faculty members' duties, and the acquisition of additional faculty members, most of whom will be paid for by the State, "has resulted in the creation of new courses facilitating a more comprehensive curriculum and greater development of the multi-track approach to high school education."

Dr. Thompson, backed by the Chapel Hill School Board, has stated publicly several times during the past year that the non-college-bound high school student in Chapel Hill was not being given all of the kind of training he needed, wanted, or could use.

The development of the "multi-track approach to high school education" is a step toward remedying this situation, Dr. Thompson said.

Classrooms Will Be Adequate

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what the total enrollment would increase to in the next five weeks. The number of children brought to Chapel Hill by new University graduate students will provide most of this increase.

Five individual school enrollments are up from last year, three are down, and one (West Franklin Elementary) has no precedent. Enrollment decreases at Lincoln High, Northside, and Glenwood result from transfers granted earlier this summer; the creation of the new West Franklin School, which took many pupils who would otherwise have attended Glenwood; and the completion of the new Guy B. Phillips Junior High.

Individual school enrollments: Chapel Hill Senior High School, 577 now, 507 at the end of the first month of school in 1962; Guy B. Phillips Junior High, 775 now, 709 (in the old Chapel Hill Junior High) as of the first month of school last year; Lincoln High, 351 now, 379 first

month of school last year; Northside School, 352 now, 443 first month of school last year; Glenwood School, 585 now, 725 first month of school last year; Frank P. Graham School, 335 now, 313 first month of school last year; West Franklin School, 335 now, 313 first month of school last year; West Franklin School, 164 now (West Franklin, formerly Chapel Hill Junior High, did not exist as an elementary school last year); Carrboro School, 449 now, 434 first month of school last year; Estes Hills School, 616 now, 551 first month of school last year.

FABRIC FAVORITES

Top fabric favorites this season are shetlands, hopsacks and heavy tweeds—with wool chafes and tropic weight worsteds getting the nod in warmer climates. Deep blue blazers remain standouts, too.

Renovations Are Made

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well over \$900,000.

Lincoln High School received its first major paint job since its completion in 1950. Everything at Lincoln was painted except the gymnasium, including the halls, all offices, and all classrooms. The Lincoln cafeteria also received a new automatic dishwasher.

All classrooms and halls in the old section of Northside School were repainted, and the cafeteria ceiling was also painted. The coat hooks that used to line the hall walls at Northside have been removed, and new movable wardrobes have been installed, each wardrobe with a capacity of about twenty children's coats and hats.

Glenwood School has received no major renovations yet, but plans have been made to enlarge the school library by the size of a standard classroom (32 by 25 feet). A new automatic dishwasher has been installed in the Glenwood cafeteria, replacing the old dishwasher bought second-hand five years ago.

In addition, some substandard

classrooms at Glenwood have been eliminated by the creation of the West Franklin School.

At Frank P. Graham School no renovations were necessary, but new furniture was installed in the five classrooms that did not get new furniture last year.

West Franklin School got a complete face-lifting. Everything was painted, coral and sky blue, and all new metal and vinyl furniture has been put in all classrooms. The basement, which was remodeled as well as repainted, now houses the offices of Superintendent Thompson, and the school cafeteria supervisor, the instructional supervisor, the elementary music supervisor, the distributive education coordinator, the speech therapist, and the industrial cooperative training coordinator, as well as work space for the school system's clerical staff.

No renovations were made at Carrboro School, but at Estes Hills School \$157,000 was spent on twelve new classrooms, which have been under construction for the last several months. In addition, all the furniture at Estes Hills was refinished.

Facilities

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bus transportation facilities will remain essentially the same as last year. Exceptions are in Victory Village, whose school children will no longer be transported by buses, and Lake Forest, of whose school children only high school students will continue to ride to school on buses.

The faculty of the school system has been enlarged, in several cases by teachers who have taught in Chapel Hill before and are returning to teach here. In several other cases, new teachers are local residents.

School Superintendent Howard Thompson's frequent statements during the past year that Chapel Hill schools need a curriculum more particularly suited to the needs of both college- and non-college-bound students has borne fruit. Increased salary money made available by the State has permitted additional faculty, and the rearrangement of other teachers' responsibilities has considerably changed the curriculum offered local young people.

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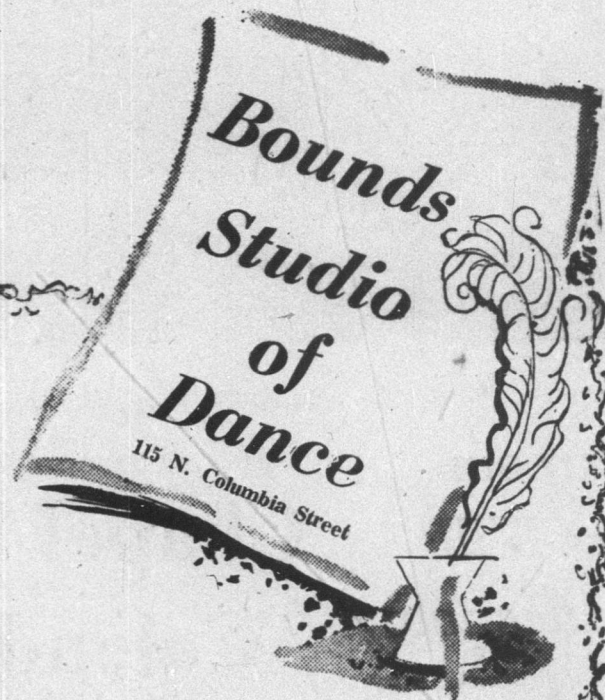


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