

State University Booklet on Schools

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"Carolina Schools"
at the request of the N. C. Association of Parents and Teachers, a booklet on the summer school students of the University of North Carolina under the direction of Dr. George Howard, tells in 40 concise pages all anyone could wish to know about North Carolina's biggest business, public education. It is available to anyone who is interested, and may be ordered from the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill for 25 cents. An outline of the contents of the five chapters in the booklet appears below:

I. School Organization

William Thomas Long, principal, Cleveland, N. C., gives detailed information about the major boards and commissions of the state school system, headed by the superintendent of public instruction, elected every four years by popular vote, the present incumbent being Hon. Clyde A. Erwin, who is the official executive of the school system, and directs the operation of the schools and enforces laws and regulations.

II. Public School Finances

Ernest Morgan, principal of Red Springs, traces the history of the school movement from 1825 when the first attempt was made to provide schools for the poor by the establishment of the literary fund. Successive legislatures for the past eight years have sought to equalize educational advantages and to raise the level of general education through redistribution of tax sources. In 1933 property taxes for schools were abolished (except for local debt service); sources of revenue for the schools are from inheritance, franchise, license and privilege taxes, and the sales tax. In addition to salaries of teachers, superintendents and clerical workers, money raised from these sources has to pay operating expenses of the schools, such as light, water, fuel, and janitor service; also included is the operation of rural school busses, consisting of drivers' salaries, upkeep and replacements, or compensation for accidents.

III. Curriculum

Lewis S. Cannon, of Wooddale, has made an analysis of subjects taught, stating that the needs of each generation change as to subject matter and method of teach-

ing; it is the duty of the schools to adapt their curriculum to the present conditions, rather than to seek to adapt the pupils to a pattern. Reading, arithmetic, language, and history still continue as subjects on which most time is spent, with literature, art education, geography, music, and physical education taking secondary places; spelling, penmanship, elementary science, and citizenship complete the list of the subjects taught in the grammar schools.

In high schools, where children have more latitude in their choice of subjects, English, history, mathematics, and civics are still required, with languages or science optional. Other subjects appear on the optional list, such as journalism, public speaking, and dramatics, with manual training and home economics dividing interest with commercial courses and agriculture. The purpose behind most subjects is to develop clear thinking rather than to store up an accumulation of facts. Art and music are naturally receiving more attention where supplements are in force; French has become more popular than Latin. Since only 10 per cent of high school graduates in the state go to college, obviously every child needs a well-rounded education by the time he completes high school.

IV. Teachers

N. W. Shelton of Lilesville offers statistics to show that the preparation and fitness of teachers has risen steadily for both white and colored schools during the past two decades, with two-thirds of the white teachers having completed four years of college work. Summer school attendance and extension courses, required to keep teaching certificates in good standing, also show a favorable rise.

V. Extra-Curricular Activities

J. Edgar Morris of Atlanta, writes from his experience in a large boys' technical high school stating that people are going to do the things they want to do, and the school should recognize this fact and provide better preparation for life, many angles of which are untouched by the class-room.

Robert Rogers Dies At Gneiss Dec. 18

Robert Rogers, well known citizen of Gneiss, died on December 18 at his home. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Tom

Machine Tells Sex of Eggs



Dr. Willard P. Funk, (sitting) of Los Angeles and his assistant Jack Davenport shown demonstrating the operation of his new machine which can determine immediately whether a newly laid egg will hatch a pullet or a cockerel. Dr. Funk claims he can change the sex of eggs with the new device. In the past 80 per cent of chickens hatched were roosters.

and passed.

The 4-H calf show at the state fair was the largest in quality ever shown in the county, Arey said. In addition to county and district calves, were held in the county fairgrounds. Fairmen assisted.

Another important feature of the fair was dairy herd improvement work, Arey said. During the year, one herd was formed, bringing the total to 9. There were 10 herds and 406 more calves at the close of 1937. This brought the total cows on test to 4,795.

Arey also said that dairy specialists assisted in the sale of 217 purebred animals which will be used in developing herds.

Poultry Need Extra Care During January

The wintry blasts of January call on all the resources of the North Carolina poultryman, declares Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State college poultry department.

Careful attention should be paid to the diet of layers and breeders, he points out. Usually the birds are in strict confinement, and even if allowed range, they can do little to supplement their diet.

Heating the drinking water, especially in the early morning, is a good practice during cold days. Water is highly essential to the bird's welfare, especially during periods of high production.

Dearstyne also cautions growers to watch the body weight of their layers. Any decline in weight is usually followed by a decline in production. Weight should be regulated through the amount of scratch feed given the birds.

Winter culling is a profitable practice, he said. By removing culls, the poultryman not only reduces his feed bill but also decreases the number of females per male, thus increasing the chances of fertility during the breeding season.

Small incubators for hatching chicks at home should be checked over before being used. Quite often this operation is postponed until the last minute at which time it is found that replacement parts are needed.

One of the most important points in the poultryman's calendar is the cold weather in the houses. Careful adjustment of the ventilation system is to make the birds comfortable, Dearstyne said.

PAMPERED PANDA



Su-Lin, only baby giant Panda in captivity, greets winter at the Brookfield (Ill.) zoo.

Filson, of Gneiss, and interment was in Sugarfork cemetery.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Rogers; two daughters, Mrs. Eva Bolick and Mrs. Bertha Tilson, of Gneiss; one son, Victor Rogers, of Morganton; two brothers, Will Rogers, of Gneiss, and John Rogers, of Sylva; two sisters, Mrs. Jane Tilson, of Gneiss, and Mrs. Lillie Stanfield, of Franklin; four grandchildren and many other relatives.

Discuss Reason For Farm Program Goals

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of articles in which two farmers discuss the agricultural conservation program.)

Bill Smith: "How do they go about paying you for what you do?"

John Brown: "They want you to carry out all the soil-building practices recommended by the county AAA committee, but they don't want you to plant more than the acreage of soil-depleting crops allowed in your goal.

"If you do all the things recommended for building up your soil, and if you don't go over your soil-depleting goal, they will give you the full amount of the payment that has been figured for your farm."

Smith: "That sounds kinda confusing, doesn't it?"

Brown: "No, not if you understand what they want to do, and the reasons why.

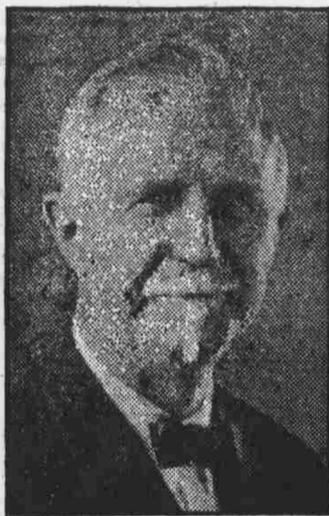
"It's like riding a horse through a barn door. You duck your head to keep it from getting bumped, and the horse has to pick up his feet to get them over the sill."

Smith: "What do you mean by that?"

Brown: "In the program they are asking us to keep down under the soil-depleting goal to keep us from knocking our heads off against overproduction and low prices. When we grow too much, the price goes down in a hurry.

"And we need to step up to keep from bumping our shins on poor land that will soon be worn out if we don't take better care of it. This is where those soil-building practices come in."

Smith: "That's not a bad idea.



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