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State Dentists Do Great Work

FOR several weeks Dr. Robert Mastin and Dr. C. W. Stevens, of the division of oral hygiene of the North Carolina health department, have been examining the school children of Macon county, and the value of the work they have done cannot be overestimated.

To date these highly trained dental surgeons have examined 1329 school children, treated 636, and referred to their local dentists 278 whose parents were able to pay the cost of treatment.

It is estimated that at least 85 per cent of the million children in the public schools of the state need dental treatment, and that a dentist's office is unknown to 55 per cent of them. This is the condition which the state health authorities have set out to correct, and it is planned to continue and intensify the campaign from year to year until the many organic troubles caused by bad teeth have been eliminated among the children of North Carolina.

It is a splendid work, and Macon county is fortunate in having these experienced and competent dentists assigned to our schools.

Causes of Radio Interference

THERE has been much complaint in Franklin from radio owners about interference which frequently makes reception impossible, and much of the complaint is justified, but finding a remedy for the trouble is something else again.

This matter of interference is not peculiar to Franklin, but prevails everywhere where electrical appliances are used.

There are many causes for the trouble, so many that finding the particular reason for interference in any one section is a difficult matter.

Refrigerator motors not properly grounded or with dirty brushes; dental machinery, electrical barber shop and drug store equipment, coffee and meat grinders, old light bulbs, neon signs, electric razors—any of these may interrupt radio communication. In fact, any electrical unit that makes or breaks a circuit will interfere unless properly installed and looked after. Proper grounding and the use of condensers and chokes will eliminate most of the trouble with consumer equipment.

Power companies are usually willing to cooperate fully in the removal of radio interference, but it is extremely difficult for them to locate unless consumer equipment is in good order. Power company interference may come from leaky transformers, bad connections in wiring, and many other things connected with the generation and transmission of power, and these defects are corrected wherever found, but it is estimated that at least 75 per cent of radio trouble comes from appliances operated by consumers.

That electric motors can be installed and operated without causing radio interference is illustrated in the plant of this paper where we frequently have half a dozen motors running at the same time. The tiniest, weakest radio can be placed near the running motors and will give perfect reception. Small motors, of course, or more difficult to handle, but there are appliances for even such small machines as electric razors which will do away with interference; and if all consumer electrical equipment could be checked and put in proper condition there would probably be little cause for complaint.

School Notes

GEORGE PATTON CHOSEN TO HEAD SCHOOL PAPER

Amid hand-clapping and with much enthusiasm, the student body elected George Patton editor-in-chief of the news paper that is to be published by the Franklin high school. George Patton is a senior, who last year, was president of the junior class, and who, every year, has shown himself worthy of any office he has held, seems, in every way, capable of filling the office given him by the student body. By unusual coincidence, Mack Patton and Andy Patton, brothers of George Patton, were elected to serve as advertising manager and circulation manager.

Virginia Tessier.

NEW FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT RECEIVED

Through interest of several townsmen, the football squad has been able to get new equipment that was sorely needed. Some of the boys had been kicking and practicing in bare feet and without sweatshirts. The members of the squad are grateful to those interested citizens who supplied them with new pants, new shoes, and new jerseys.

Homer Green.

MAGAZINES ADDED TO LIBRARY

The addition of magazines to the library is a great improvement. A magazine stand has been built by the agricultural class. Magazines are donated to the library, and two daily papers are brought. About 30 dollars worth of magazines is expected next month. Among the chief magazines are Time, Life, The State, News Week, The Aberdeen-Angus Journal, Scotic, and The Junior Red Cross Journal. The school greatly appreciates this improvement.

Nat Macon.

SIXTH GRADE SECURES ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Barrington's section of the sixth grade has secured a baseball bat, and a football for their athletic activities.

In their social science studies, they are making a frieze showing the effect climate has on the food, shelter, and clothing of the different peoples of the world.

Walter Allen.

CHAPEL PERIOD HELD MONDAY

With the singing of "America," Mr. Wells's chapel program began Monday. A prayer was offered, and the scripture lesson, which was the third chapter of John, was read. An announcement was made by Mr. Wells concerning the checking in and out of library books. Mr. Wells also called a vote on whether the school was to have a newspaper. A majority of high school students expressed a desire for a school paper, and many voted to subscribe for it. The election of an editor-in-chief was then held, and George Patton won over three other nominees for the office. Mack Patton and Andy Patton were elected advertising and circulation managers, respectively. After the election, Coach Shuford was called upon to make a few remarks. He thanked the student body for the support given during the Sylva game and asked that the students cooperate with the pep squad in learning the yells and songs to help the football team win over Bryson City next Friday afternoon.

Sol Sanders.

VOLLEY BALL COURTS PREPARED

To provide play activities for the students who are not interested in basketball or football, Mr. Wells has added two volley ball courts. One of the courts is on the hill behind the gymnasium; the other one is on the old basketball court below the school house. The students of the grammar grades can enjoy the use of the courts as well as those in the high school.

Bruce Bryant.

MR. SHUFORD'S ROOM ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers were elected in Mr. Shuford's home room: president, Jessie Mae Barnard; vice-president, Lucile Calloway; secretary, Virginia Bryant; treasurer, Bernice Cabe; and song leader, Mary Raby. They also elected a program committee which is composed of the following: Helen

Franks, Vivian Carlock, and Lucile Calloway. President Jessie Mae Barnard has suggested that the class bring five cents each to buy shades for its room. The class wishes to thank Mr. Wells for his interest in them.

Lucile Calloway.

At the election held in Mr. Moses's home-room, the following officers were elected: president, John Smith; vice-president, Lewis Patton; secretary, Mary Evelyn Moore; treasurer, Madge Henson; reporter, Katherine Long and circulation manager, Mary Evelyn Moore.

Katherine Long.

FIFTH GRADE HAS FIELDS PROGRAM

The Boosters club of the fifth grade gave a "Eugene Fields" program last Friday. The club is now preparing a program on "Safety."

Frances Furr.

MRS. MACON'S SECTION OF THE SENIOR CLASS

Mrs. Helen Macon's section of the senior class has elected its home-room officers. They are as follows:

President, Esta Mae Childers; secretary, Dorothy Morrison; treasurer, Charles Hunnicutt; news reporter, Eugenia Duncan; cheer leader, Virginia Tessier.

Last week the room had a "clean up" day. Everyone helped in some way to improve the room, and the class hopes to do more in the future. It is a joy to work together to make the room a better place to stay.

Eugenia Duncan.

A EUGENE FIELD PROGRAM

The sixth grade gave an interesting program last Friday. It was planned and given by The Good English club.

The program was as follows: Biography of Eugene Field, Gus Leach.

In Memoriam, Charles Jacobs. Wynken, Blynken and Nod, Joan Palmer.

Queer Boy, J. S. Cunningham. Quotations of Eugene Field, Iliaka Henson.

Anecdotes of Eugene Field, Miss Moody.

Lillian Jones.

NINTH GRADE ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Grist's section of the ninth grade has elected officers as follows: president, Otto Arvey; vice-president, Louise Rowland; secretary and treasurer, George Byrd; reporter, Jennie Scott. The new officers have sponsored a "Room-Improvement Program." It was suggested that each member donate five cents for improvement. Enough money was collected to buy paint to restrain the tables. Some boys have made flower boxes for the windows, and the girls have brought flowers and potted plants to plant in them. The windows have been washed, and missing shades have been replaced.

Jennie Scott.

TENTH GRADE CHOOSES GRADE MOTHER

The students in Mrs. Shuford's section of the tenth grade voted last Thursday to ask Mrs. Henry Cabe to serve as their grade mother for this school year. The juniors are anxiously awaiting her reply of acceptance.

Lorene Green.

While corn is North Carolina's most widely grown crop, the state ranks 17th among the states in the production of corn and 12th in cash income to farmers from the crop, reports the state department of agriculture.



Muse's Corner

LAND OF THE SKY

Nature has made the trickling stream
And the mountains seem like a
beautiful dream.

The car lights play gently on the
trees
As they are swayed by the evening
breeze.

A shower of rain and the dripping
shrub,
Then across the road creeps a baby
cub.

A gigantic mountain looms just
ahead,
Where the leaves are turning gold
and red.

The mist is settling all around,
While the purr of the car is the
only sound.

The driver must be alert and keen,
For on each side is a deep ravine.

Clear and sweet from a little
tower
The clock is striking the midnight
hour,

The car stands silently by the gate,
The passengers! What has been
their fate?

They spent the day in the "Land
of the sky,"
Then winding in and out through
the mountains high,
They made their way to a home
amid the trees,
Where now they rest in joy and
ease.

(This poem was written by Catharine Nollman, of Sebring, Fla., who is spending the season in Highlands, and is an account of a trip to Asheville as it really happened. The rain, mountains, streams and small cub which crossed the road in front of the car, are all in the poem.)

Cartoogechaye

Rev. J. C. Swaim is running a revival meeting at Maiden Chapel. Miss Iona Waldrop left last Tuesday for Winston-Salem where she expects to find work.

Miss Emma Potts was visiting Miss Blanche Southard last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Southard, of Franklin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Southard Sunday.

Mr. Quelmain, of Jackson county, is visiting in this community and attending the revival meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Quince Roane, of Buck Creek, spent last week with Mrs. Roane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Southard.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Roane, of Lawrenceville, Ga., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conley.

Miss Louise Southard, who has been working in Franklin, returned to her home last Monday.

North Carolina's hog population on January 1 this year, estimated at 1,133,000 was the largest since 1922, reports the state department of agriculture.

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