

Isenhour Stresses Duty Of County School Board

North Carolina has gone as far in education as it can with the type of leadership it has in the counties and school district. H. E. Isenhour, chairman of the Rowan county board of education, told members of the western district of the North Carolina School Board association at a meeting last Thursday night at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville.

"We should organize throughout the state, we should become informed on educational matters, we should become a force which will lead us to higher and greater standards," Mr. Isenhour said.

If North Carolina does not progress educationally it will soon become a very much one-sided state, he said. This state is developing almost unbelievably fast economically and industrially, he added, and North Carolina is destined to become the empire state of the South.

Development of this state as the leader of the South is not many years away, he said, and if our educational system is to match our growth it must be improved.

"We should think about how the type of instruction our children are getting can be improved," he said. "Our people must be educated to provide the means for the better education of our children."

Leadership Needed
Mr. Isenhour also said that it will be increasingly difficult to obtain additional funds for education, and warned that school officials must use what they do get to the best possible advantage.

There is in the making in this country a tremendous drive to apply funds for things which are said to be needed for our national security, he said, adding that it is going to take more thought, better leadership, more information for patrons of the schools to see that proper support is given education.

"Those who are interested in education are interested in a phase of national security which possibly is of greater significance than the material means for national security," he said. "We must educate our boys and girls on how to live, on the value of our type of democracy, so that they won't fall victims of the various 'isms'. Education is the greatest bulwark against the forces which would tear down our nation."

More Religion Needed
Separation of state and church has been preached perhaps too much, the speaker said. He advocated more religion in education, saying that a close study will show that the greatest amount of freedom has been brought to us by those who are educated and trained religiously.

"The first thing a dictator does today is take charge of education and try to banish religion," Mr. Isenhour said. "We should develop our children as well trained, well rounded citizens of the future."

The little red school houses of Aycock are passing out of the picture, he said, and in their places are the consolidated schools. There must be another who will come forward to teach us to use our consolidated schools to build another great era in education in North Carolina, he concluded.

G. B. Phillips, secretary of the state school board association, discussing the local responsibility for education, said:

"School board members and school committee members have been given a definite responsibility for leadership. Recognizing the function of the state in support and general administration there remains the specific local task of

directing the education program. Education is one of the most personal services rendered by the government and cannot be managed by a highly centralized authority. The selection and direction of teachers, the erection and care of the buildings, the provision of various instructional aids are all local opportunities resting with the board and committee.

Must Be On Alert
"Education is in direct competition with other agencies of service and its directors must be on the alert to insure a fair share of public support.

"Progress in any field is the result of individual and group effort which goes beyond the deadening line of uniformity. The state supported program of education is the least that the state will permit any community to have for its children. It is not intended that it be the maximum effort. For that reason the challenge to the local school board member is to build a more effective program upon the sound state base.

"Education in North Carolina cannot achieve its best except upon a dual support combining local interest and ability with the minimum state program. Eventually the federal government must be the third source of support.

"The North Carolina School Board association is three years old and is attempting to coordinate the efforts of about 4,500 men and women citizens who compose the membership of school boards and school committees of the state. The immediate purpose is to study the major issues in public education, to exchange ideas and to establish a code of ethics for school boards.

"The major issues seem to center around the length of the school term, expansion of the curriculum, teacher welfare, administration and federal aid."

Macon Students Enjoy Trip To Fair At Raleigh

Thursday morning, October 12, 33 agriculture students packed their blankets in a truck and headed for Raleigh. It was the actual beginning of the trip to take in the State Fair. After three hours of traveling the mountains were replaced by cotton fields; although the hills furnished a beautiful background for the white cotton fields. We made good time but not good enough to keep darkness from catching up with us. It was close to 10 o'clock when we got our first glimpse of a sky that was lit up by

fireworks. Yes, it was the Fair grounds that we saw. The fireworks had started, but we were too tired to think about anything except sleep. You have heard of people sleeping in the barn, well, we know all about it now. A barn at State college was secured to sleep in and let me tell you right now that a barn loft full of fresh mown lespedeza hay will give any mattress a run for its money. The sweet odor from fresh hay is hard to beat.

Early Friday morning found us picking the hay seeds out of our eyes so that we would not miss seeing anything. We went to the fair early and spent the early part of the day looking at the livestock, poultry and field crops exhibits.

Horse racing was the outstanding event in the afternoon. Mingled in with the actual farming phase was the great World of Mirth Shows which gave color to the dark skins. Hot dogs! Hot dogs! It was the first time we have ever bought hot dogs by the foot. The hay felt better Friday night than an inner-spring mattress.

Saturday morning we put on our clean shirts and combed our hair as this was the day to look Kaleigh over. The first place we visited was the State Museum. This was one of the most interesting places that we visited. From here we went to the state capital and who do you suppose we were greeted by? It was none other than the great governor of our state, Clyde R. Hoey. The governor sent a guide with us as we continued our sight-seeing.

We visited radio station WRAL and watched a program go on the air. The News and Observer newspaper office was the next stop. We met Josephus Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, who is owner of the newspaper. Also we saw the largest printing press in the south.

The next stop was one that had all the boys in deep thought as the guide explained how the gas chamber snuffed out lives. It was only on the conditions of a visit that we wanted to return to the state penitentiary in the future.

The last stop was at the Raleigh airport. The football game between Wake Forest and State college brought the day to a close.

Early Sunday morning we started on our way home. We got home in time to place our feet under "papa's table" for supper. A tired group with hay seed in our hair, but the knowledge of our state had been greatly increased.

Those making the trip were: Ray Moffit, Sam Ramsey, Logan Allen, George Setser, Fredrick Cunningham, Pat Norton, Taylor Houston,

Edgar Guffey, Homer McCoy, Claude Ashe, Roy Setser, Max Parrish, Clyde Dendy, Hunter Anderson, Charles Vinson, Mack Bryson, J. D. Reese, Mercius McCoy, Zeb Meadows, R. C. Ray, Edison Gibson, Dwight Holbrooks, Sam Gibson, Garland Duvall, Roy Fouts, Roy Ramsey, Don Cunningham, Hurshell Keener, Clyde Southard, Wayne Bradley, Lewis Norton, Dover Waldroop, George Martin, Lee Tippitt and Mr. Whitmire. Berlin Welch, Reporter.

Farm wages, averaging \$1.57 a day without board, were about the same on October 1 as they were three months earlier, reports the U. S. department of agriculture.

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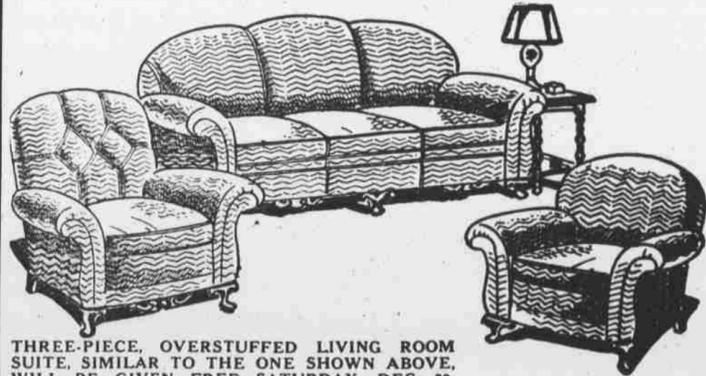
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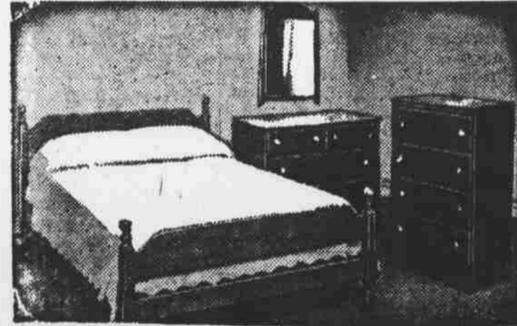
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