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SURVEY REVEALS VIEWS ON STATE SCHOOL SYSTEM

school system in many cases, of course, the opinions expressed are based on observation of the schools the answerers know

best, those in Macon County. A number of those replying were not content with checking an answer, but wrote in comments. Still others accompanied their questionnaires with letters setting out their views in detail. Questionnaires, the compilation reveals, were received in Raleigh from 29 Macon County persons, and were postmarked from post offices all over the county. Replying to the first question

—“How good do you think the schools of North Carolina should be”—16 of the 29, well over a majority, said “among the best in the nation”. Eight said “about as good as the national average”. Four said “above the average for the Southern states”. And one person wrote in: “Much better than they are at present.”

Answering Question No. 2—“Would you be willing to pay the taxes necessary” for better schools?—two persons did not answer; one replied with the written-in suggestion to “spend more tax that is already levied”; and 26 said “yes”. Two of those 26, however, qualified their affirmative answers. One said “Yes, if the North Carolina standard of education is enforced”, and another said “yes, provided we can have qualified teachers”.

On the question of teachers' salaries, 10 persons expressed the opinion that they “should be raised considerably”; 10 that they should be raised slightly; and eight answered that the present salary scale is “about right”. Six of the 29 wrote in comments on this subject:

One, without answering specifically, commented that the salary scale is “too high for 90 per cent of such teachers as you have”. Another said the teachers should be paid the present scale “or less, for what the average teacher is doing”. A third suggested a slight rise, “if living costs increase; if living costs decrease, lower, salaries”. Still another, remarked that the current salary scale is about right, “considering the mental ability of the majority of teachers we now have”. The sixth person expressed the same idea—about right “considering the type of teachers we have”.

One person wrote in the suggestion that the state should “pay bus drivers more so the busses can be operated by someone besides school boys”.

A big majority—20 of the 29—thinks “school facilities should be used for both school and community purposes on a year-round basis as needed”. Five said school facilities should be used “for school purposes only”. And four said “for both school and community purposes during the regular school year only”.

Two persons wrote in comments on this subject. One suggested “year-round salaries for teachers” along with year-round community use of the buildings; and another remarked: “I am unselfish enough to mark No. 3 (year-round school and community use), but by all means (put) schools first”.

Most of those expressing their opinions on the things that should be most emphasized in the public schools checked more than one of the four listed on the questionnaire. The totals were as follows:

(a) “The fundamental skills (reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling)”, 22.

Funeral Rites For Waldroop Held Sunday

Funeral services for Dover Fouts Waldroop, 25-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Waldroop,

(b) “Education for citizenship”, 20.

(c) “Education for earning a living”, 16.

(d) “The development and use of the resources of the state”, 10.

One person said all four, in the order in which they are listed above. One said b, and c in order. One said b, a, c, and d, in order. One said b, explaining that “a good citizen will earn a living”. And one said b, adding “also teach Bible in our schools”.

(NEXT WEEK: What are the most serious weaknesses or handicaps of the schools of the state?)

of the Cartoogechaye community, were held at Maiden's Chapel Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Waldroop was killed in an automobile accident at Myrtle Creek, Ore., June 20. The body arrived here last Saturday, and was taken direct to the home of the parents, where it remained until time for the funeral.

The service was conducted by Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor of the Maiden's Chapel church, and the Rev. J. C. Swaim, of Reidsville, a former pastor. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers, all cousins, were Neal Waldroop, Wayne Nicholson, Rhodes Nicholson, Ealza Nicholson, Curt Roane, Corva Nicholson, L. C. Waldroop, and Edward Nicholson.

For the past 18 months Mr. Waldroop had been engaged in the taxi business at Myrtle Creek, where he was owner of the Myrtle Cab company. In the automobile with him at the time of the accident was Robert Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Watts, of Jones Creek, the county, who suffered a broken arm. The car was said to have skidded on a pavement, careened 135 feet, snapping off a telephone pole, and then rolled over an embankment.

Mr. Waldroop attended the Franklin High school, and was a member of the Maiden's Chapel church. During the war, he served as a machinist at Pearl Harbor.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Burch, of Franklin, Route 1, and Mrs. Iona Fie, of Waynesville; one brother, Lloyd Waldroop, of Myrtle Creek, Ore., who accompanied the body home; and his grandmother, Mrs. Dockery Waldroop, of Franklin, Route 1.

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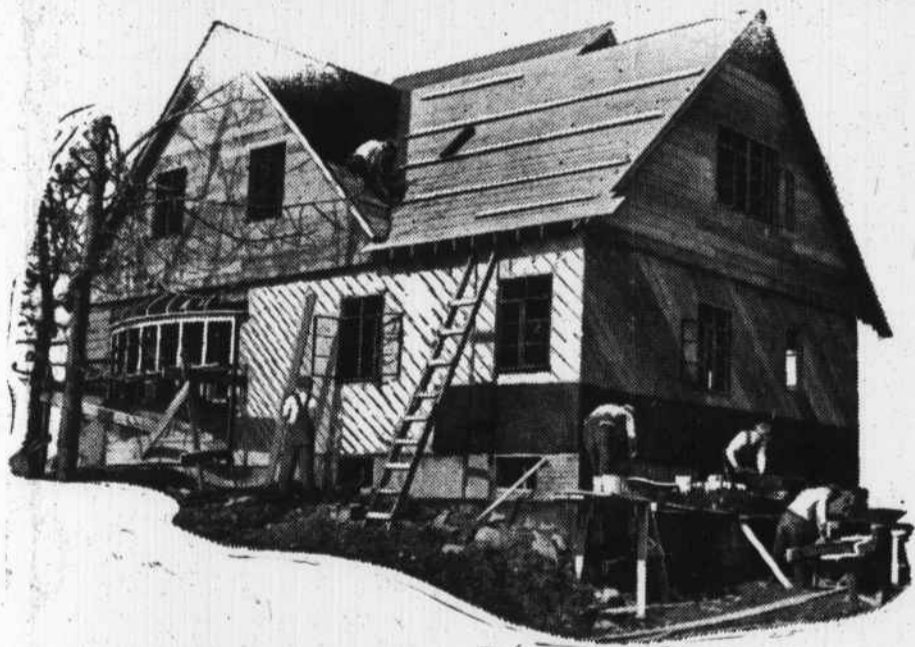
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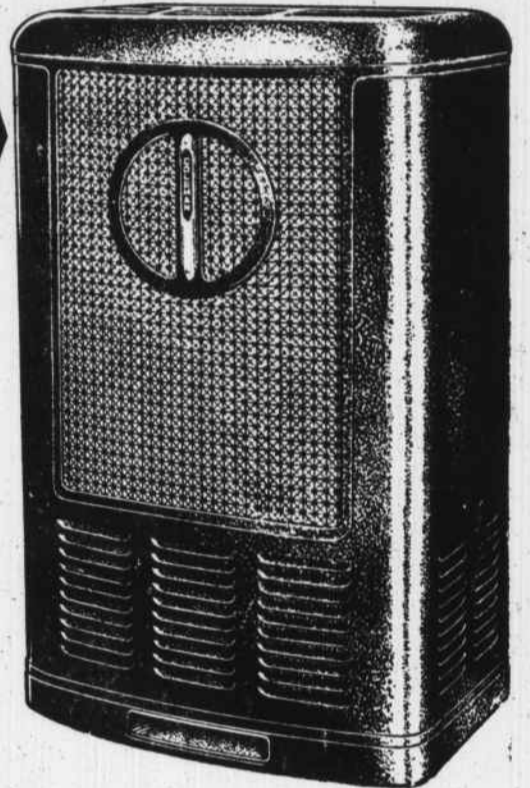
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