

County Schools Gain Six Teachers — If They're Lucky Enough To Find Any

Vacancies Harder To Fill Than Any Year Since War

An allotment by the State of six more teachers than last year for Moore county is fine—except that teachers are harder to find than at any time since the war, according to H. Lee Thomas of Carthage, county schools superintendent.

Instead of easing up, as was anticipated as the postwar era went on, the shortage has become considerably worse. It is the elementary teachers, mainly, which make hen's teeth look plentiful by contrast.

With about a dozen vacancies remaining in Moore schools, district committees are beating the bushes for prospects to fill the jobs. Four of the vacancies are in one school, Westmore.

Teachers are resigning this year at a greater rate than before, and fewer applications are coming in.

In one respect the county system is lucky—only one district principal has resigned. This was Thad N. Frye, principal at Highfalls for the past nine years. All the others renewed their contracts, and have shown no signs of wishing to go elsewhere.

An elementary principal is also leaving—James M. Langston, of the Carthage grade school. He is being replaced by Mrs. Pauline F. Myrick, fourth grade teacher.

Among other resignations re-

TOP ATHLETES

Julius Boros, Mid. Pines pro and National Open golf champion, tied with Jersey Joe Walcott, heavyweight champion, for the June award in the Hickok "Pro Athlete of the Month" competition.

Walcott received 31 firsts to Boros' 25 but they were all even with 162 points on a 3-2-1 point basis, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

ported by Mr. Thomas were:

H. A. Schroeder, coach and biology teacher at Cameron High school for the past two years, who is taking a position in Florida. He has not yet been replaced.

Miss Jane Lewis, vocational home economics teacher at Vass-Lakeview, who is being succeeded by Mrs. Betty Shankle Morgan.

Mrs. Gladys Marion, third grade teacher at Carthage. No replacement as yet.

James Lee Johnston, eighth grade teacher at Farm Life. No replacement.

The state allotment gives one additional elementary teacher each to Robbins, Vass-Lakeview, Aberdeen and Westmore white schools; one extra high school teacher at Robbins, and an extra Negro teacher in the elementary school at West End. Two high school teachers are to be added at Carthage, but these are offset by the loss of two in the consolidation of Farm Life High with Carthage.

Total number of teachers allotted for all county schools is 212. Two white supervisors and one Negro supervisor have also been added to the county school system.

Miss Gray Passes: Burial in Mass.

Miss Fannie Bayley Gray, 83, of Pinehurst died Thursday morning in Moore County hospital after a short illness.

She was born in Massachusetts, but had lived for the past several years in Pinehurst. She is survived by four half-sisters, two nieces and one grandnephew. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Community church in Pinehurst, conducted by the Rev. Roscoe Prince. Burial was in Malden, Mass.

ON VACATION

Miss Ethel Davis of Carthage, Route 3, is spending her vacation in the mountains this week. At home during her absence to be with H. P. Davis is his daughter, Mrs. R. K. Jernigan, of Dudley.

Whitfield Elected FFA President



J. V. WHITFIELD, center, of Burgaw, is the new president of the Forest Farmers association, elected at the recent Southern Forestry Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn.

He succeeds W. M. Oettmeier, left, of Fargo, Ga., who was named a life member of the board of directors. At right is Henry T. McKnight, Vienna, Va., new vice-president.

They are shown looking at the tree planting machine which was given away as a door prize at the conference.

Mr. Whitfield was instrumental in reestablishing the naval stores industry in this area, and is a director in the Carolina Naval Stoves Cooperative, of which James Boyd of Southern Pines is president. Participants are growers mostly of Moore county, with some in Hoke.

The Forest Farmers Association is a non-profit forestry association serving the interests of private forestry in 15 states in the southern area. Its members own 13,000,000 acres of southern forest, making it the largest timberland owners association in America.

Station WEEB Will Be Remodeled And Enlarged; Three-Year Lease Signed

Plans for remodeling the offices and studios of Radio Station WEEB were announced this week by Jack S. Younts, president and general manager, coincident with the signing of a new three-year lease.

For a while, the intention was to build a new home for the station on the transmitter site on the Midland road. This plan, however, has now been abandoned for the time being, he said. The station will stay where it is—at least until July 1, 1955, and may be longer, as the lease carries privilege of renewal.

The space it now occupies on the first floor rear at 113-115 East Broad street, also some additional adjoining office space, will be completely remodeled to take care of the needs of the growing station. All the space beyond the double door in the entrance hall will be included.

The control room will be moved to the rear and the present control room will be made into a small studio, supplementing the large one. The present reception room will become a viewing foyer for those wishing to watch the programs being aired. The manager's office and business offices will be relocated.

The changes will not affect offices at the front of the building now occupied by the Central Carolina Telephone company and H. M. Smith, Optician. W. L. Baber, of Sanford, owns the building.

The station has grown greatly since its establishment in October, 1947. Its period of greatest growth has been in the past year and a half, since it absorbed another station here and became the only one serving this section of the Sandhills.

The staff has recently been enlarged to take care of new business and the remodeling program "is another step toward keeping up with the times in this fast-growing community and region,"

Taylor Elected To SGA Board; Tufts Is Honored

Ray H. Taylor of Pinehurst, one of the South's leading amateur golfers, was elected a director of the Southern Golf association at a meeting of the board held Monday night at Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Taylor, who served as secretary of the association until recently, is one of two new directors. He is a native of Greensboro, as is his wife, a granddaughter of the late Julian Price.

Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., was elected director emeritus after many years' service on the board. The new president of the association is Col. Lee S. Read of Louisville, succeeding A. Pollock (Polly) Boyd of Chattanooga. The Lakewood Country club at Dallas was selected as site of the 1953 Southern Amateur tournament, dates yet to be set.

Butler, Darden Teach Teachers About Electricity

Paul C. Butler and William C. Darden, officials of the Southern Pines division of the CP&L, have turned teacher during the past month, instructing four groups of vocational agriculture teachers in fundamentals of electricity, wiring, repairs, etc., which they in turn will teach their students during the high school year.

The two Southern Pines men, both of whom are engineers, have been meeting with the district

groups at Whiteville, Red Springs, Mt. Gilead and Hillsboro one day a week for the past four weeks. The courses were completed this week.

The program is one by which the CP&L, Duke Power Co., Nantahala Power Co., and Virginia Electric and Power Co.—all the private power companies operating in the state—have been cooperating with the state-federal vocational education program for practical educational benefits to rural youth.

Mr. Butler is residential and commercial sales supervisor with the CP&L division, while Mr. Darden is service manager.

Public and private forest interests in the South are being urged by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to join an all-out campaign to stop needless destruction by insects on their 180 million acres of timber. USDA's Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine is heading a drive to organize forest-minded individuals into a forest-insect detection and reporting team that will help to reduce insect damage by periodic inspections of all timber lands.

Half an acre of land produced \$406 worth of cabbage for Lee R. Wilson, Route 1, Lake Lure, according to F. E. Patton, Rutherford county agent.

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