

Reviews Progress In Hayes School

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Under the leadership of the principal, W. A. Holmes and through the strong support of Supt. J. C. Manning, the E. J. Hayes School here has made many improvements which have received the commendation of the patrons and the general public.

In the lobby the bulletin boards have been edged with a fine strip of molding. Just to the right of the lobby the library is situated. This potent agency of education has taken on new life under the direction of Miss E. L. Mizelle, who is properly qualified to give the students the service their interests and study courses demand. The library has been expanded to include the former science room, which will be used now as a reading room.

To the left of the lobby is the office of the principal, which has been redecorated in a soft green. A modern light fixture over the principal's desk has replaced the regular light bulb. The old coat closet just behind the office has been converted into a conference room and guidance center. In this room attractive storage shelves have been arranged. File cases, containing data pertaining to the students, are placed conveniently near the desk of the guidance coordinator, Mrs. N. C. Slade. This room also houses the "mail-boxes" of the teachers. Through the lobby the principal and teachers, and teachers less time is consumed.

The home economics room has been made a more attractive place. Both walls and cabinets have been newly painted. The floor has been sanded and reconditioned. A new electric refrigerator, which can preserve frozen foods prepared as a study unit by the home economics students, was recently installed. Mrs. D. S. Chance is the instructor in this department.

In the library, the office, the conference room, and the home economics room venetian blinds have replaced the old type window shades.

Room 8 is now the science room. Blonde oak laboratory chairs and tables, class recitation equipment, and a teacher's demonstration table have been provided. At the end of the room is a storeroom for chemicals and laboratory equipment.

From the student's point of view the most outstanding renovation has been made in a cloakroom to the right of the stage. In lieu of a well-managed, modernly equipped cafeteria, which the students hope will soon be theirs, the cloakroom is now a commissary managed by the senior class and their sponsor, Mrs. A. D. Gaither. Milk, ice cream, cookies, and other foods are sold during the lunch hour.

The curriculum has expanded to include commercial education. Room 5 is now the center of activity for students interested in a commercial education. Superintendent Manning and the Board of Education have placed twenty typewriters and tables in this room. Long a dream of the former principal, E. J. Hayes, commercial education in this school is now a reality. Mrs. O. W. Threadgill has been employed to teach this course. General business, shorthand, and typing are offered.

The Board of Education, realizing the need for cultural development among the students, added once more public school music to the curriculum. Miss M. W. Randolph has been employed to direct this work.

Mr. Holmes has skillfully and gradually included the students

Second Dividend For Leaf Farmers

Farmers who sold flue-cured tobacco under the government price support program in 1948 and 1949 will share in a 5-1-2 to six million dollar profit on the crops.

L. T. Weeks, general manager of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, said today the distribution will be made in January.

It will be the second distribution made since the cooperative was formed in 1946 to purchase tobacco under the price support program. The first was in January, 1951, when about four million dollars was sent to 285,000 growers as net gains on the 1947 crop.

Using Commodity Credit Corporation funds, the Stabilization Corporation purchases tobacco at price support levels. The tobacco is stored and later resold at a profit. The net gains—the amount left after all expenses, including repaying government loans with interest—are distributed to farmers who sold tobacco to the corporation for that crop year.

In the scheduled January distribution, approximately 190,000 growers will share in about two million dollars from the 1948 crop, and approximately 225,000 will divide about four to 4 1-2 million from the 1949 crop. Some growers of course, will get refunds from both years, while others will share in only one.

The Stabilization Corporation has the five flue-cured producing states.

Excluding purchases from the 1952 crop, the corporation has on hand about 74 million pounds of tobacco. Measured in dry weight—after preliminary processing—this represents about 80 million pounds purchased from the 1950 and 1951 crops.

Baptist Group To Meet In County

The Roanoke Baptist Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, October 14 and 15. Enfield Baptist Church in Enfield will be the place of meeting for the first day and the second day will be held in the Piney Grove Baptist Church in this county.

There will be two sessions of the Association held each day, the morning sessions beginning at ten o'clock and the afternoon sessions beginning at one-thirty. Rev. R. E. Ferguson, pastor of the Robersonville Baptist Church, will preach the annual sermon Tuesday morning and during the afternoon meeting one of the high lights will be the report of the Associational Missionary, Rev. L. Grady Burgess of Greenville. Wednesday morning Dr. S. L. Stealey, President of Southeastern Baptist Seminary of Wake Forest, and Rev. J. C. Powell, a missionary from Nigeria, West Africa, will be the main speakers. The closing message of the meeting on Wednesday afternoon will be brought by Dr. F. O. Mixon, President of Chowan College, Murfreesboro.

All who attend these meetings are asked to bring a lunch and drinks will be furnished by the host church.

U. S. plane industry is meeting British jet threat.

Dutch Observing Seige Of Leyden

One of the greatest stories of heroism was written at Leyden, Holland, in 1573-74. October 2 is an anniversary sacred to all Hollanders—calling on help from the sea—drove the Spaniards from Leyden.

Leyden is one of the most beautiful cities of the Netherlands. The Spanish began their seige of the city in October, of 1573. The resistance of the inhabitants was spurred by the tyranny of the Spanish, which had become well known all over Europe. These inhabitants held out until their food was practically exhausted and then, on August 3, 1574, dikes were broken down in 16 places and the gates at Schiedam and Rotterdam were opened.

The sea came through and flowed over the land. Although the Spanish commander became alarmed, his advisers told him he had nothing to fear. But the waters continued to rise and, on September 1, a few shallow-draft vessels and 800 Netherlands sailors began to sail toward the besieged city.

Finally, with favorable winds, the small fleet reached Leyden, driving away the Spaniards. On the very next day, a furious northeast wind rolled the ocean back to its bed and the dikes were repaired before the wind changed.

As a reward for its gallant stand, King Phillip issued a charter for the University of Leyden.

Did Much Carving In the Olden Days

Dr. Samuel N. Cramer, curator of the Tablet Collection of the University of Pennsylvania museum, recently discovered that the history of written laws extends back to 2500 B. C.—which is at least a century earlier than heretofore believed. Dr. Cramer made his discovery by translating a clay tablet, found in Istanbul.

Dr. Cramer's discovery is the fourth time since the turn of the century that scholars have turned back the beginning of the history of written law. The interesting part of the discovery is that it establishes the fact there were written laws 1,700 years before the time of Christ, violators of which were fined certain fixed sums of money.

The translation of three of the laws showed these fines:

1. "If a man with... an instrument his foot has cut off, ten silver shekels, he shall pay."
2. "If a man to a man with a weapon his bones of... severed, one silver mina (60 shekels), he shall pay."
3. "If a man to a man with a geshpu instrument the nose has cut off, two-thirds of a silver mina, he shall pay."

October 3 is still celebrated by Hollanders, and by many Dutch-Americans in the United States, many of whom are descendants of the Dutch who defended the city of Leyden.

School Problems Grow With Inflationary Trend

A record school enrollment and inflationary maintenance costs have combined to cause educational headaches as the nation's 1952-53 school year gets underway this month. Among the many problems are mounting enrollments, shortages of elementary teachers, dilapidated buildings, insufficient funds and the growing inflationary spiral.

Use of the new chemical "soil conditioners" on an experimental basis only is advised at present by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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May Draft 4-F's To Get Necessary Manpower

Some men presently rejected as 4-F's may have to be drafted to help meet the armed forces' manpower needs of 1,200,000 men during the coming year, according to Lewis B. Hershey, selective-service director. Mr. Hershey said that a total of 1,500,000 men have been rejected for military service for various reasons since the present draft program started.

Industry Plans To Make Improvement in Plants

Industry, in the second half of this year, plans to spend \$14,800,000,000 on plants and equipment, setting a new annual record of \$27,500,000,000, a Government survey revealed.

in the government of the school. A student organization, with Charles Willis, the senior class president at its head, has control of school traffic and students' conduct. Mary Alice Rodgers, another senior, is his assistant. A visitor to the school is now greeted at the entrance by a student receptionist, who is placed there by the council. This organization is conducting a systematically planned clean-up campaign.

Not only has the inside of this much-used building received the attention of Mr. Holmes, but the outside has also. A storage rack for lumber has been built behind the building. Between the east wing of the main building and the vocational building a parking area has been constructed by the vocational agriculture department under the direction of R. A. Broadnax. Green trash receptacles are placed strategically here and there on the campus to serve as a reminder to the students that cleanliness must be maintained. The teachers and the students are vying to make their classrooms and their campus well-ordered, attractive centers of learning and activity.

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