

Tar Heel Teachers Begin 3-Day Meeting In Asheville

The 72d annual 3-day convention of the North Carolina Education Association began today in Asheville. The delegate assembly will be held Friday afternoon. The three day meeting will attract about 2,500 educators.

Dr. William G. Carr, executive secretary of the National Education Association, will be the principal speaker at the General Session on Friday evening. This will be Dr. Carr's first visit to an NCEA convention. Life members of the NEA will be honored during the Friday evening session.

NCEA president, Bert Ishee of Fayetteville will preside over the convention. O. P. Johnson, Kenansville, will be installed as the new president Friday evening.

The first general session on Thursday evening will be highlighted by Governor Luther H. Hodges address. Dr. Kenneth McFarland of Topeka, Kansas, will also address the Thursday evening session.

Business of the NCEA will be

conducted Friday afternoon when the delegate assembly convenes. During the business session the proposed resolutions have been approved by the resolutions committee for presentation and there is the possibility that additional resolutions may be considered prior to the convening of the delegate assembly. Resolutions will deal with legislation, increased public school services, teacher welfare, Federal Aid, professional standards, United Forces of Education, and support of NEA. The first statement in the platform reaffirms the NCEA belief in the preservation of a system of public education.

All State committees report during the business session. The Legislative committee report will be presented by State Chairman Lucille Allen of Hendersonville. It is anticipated that differences of opinion will be expressed about the amount of salary increase to be requested from the next General Assembly.

UNC Entrance Exams Explained

By JIM NICHOLS

CHAPEL HILL—Tar Heel parents who fear their sons and daughters may not pass the new entrance examinations at the University of North Carolina can be assured that the state is not erecting "Keep Out" signs.

To the contrary, "Come On" signs are being put up, for the tests are expected to disclose students who "ought to be going to college" and do not go. Scholarship assistance will be sought for them.

That assurance was made known

today by University officials who explained some of the conditions of the Board of Trustees' new admissions policy, to become effective in the Fall of 1957. At the same time, the University indicated receiving a large number of letters applauding the decision.

Announcement has been made of a "dry run" entrance exam — experimental tests to be administered April 7 and April 14, at 23 testing centers throughout the state.

Scotching rumors that the tests for entrance to the University will be excessively high. Dr. W. W. Pierson, dean of the Graduate School and chairman of the All-University Committee which help-

ed prepare the admissions requirements, said (1) enrollments are not going to be pegged at the present level, (2) studies covering the past four years show that only 8 or 9 per cent of an entering freshman class would have been rejected during those years had the new admissions plan been in effect, (3) these studies also show that less than four per cent of those students who would have been rejected were able to pass their work and graduate.

Although the plan as adopted applies only to the Consolidated University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Raleigh, there are indications the system of examinations may be extended to all

12 of the state-supported institutions of higher learning in the state. Advice of the State Dept. of Public Instruction also is to be available in administering the tests.

Some other aspects of the examining system are:

1. The tests will not necessarily keep out students who are poorly prepared, merely because the high schools they have attended are not as good as certain other high schools or preparatory schools. The examinations will be comprehensive enough to test aptitude, potential ability, as well as the level of scholarship already attained. If the student is teachable, and if he has prospects of maintaining the Uni-

versity pace, admission will not be denied.

The schedule for administering the tests on April 7 and April 14, as released by testing officials, includes:

April 7—Murphy High School, Murphy.

April 14 — Bryson City High School, Bryson City; Lee H. Edwards High School, Asheville.

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