

Reading Clinic For Children Underway

Chapel Hill — A Reading Clinic to aid children who need improvement in basic reading skills is being conducted this summer by the University of North Carolina School of Education at Chapel Hill.

Twenty-five children, ranging in school classification from grades three to seven, have been admitted to the clinic after having been recommended for such training by their teachers.

They are children with better-than-average abilities who for various reasons have not acquired the desirable reading skills and habits. Each child receives approximately an hour a day of individual help with his reading.

Nineteen teachers who give this individual help to the children are enrolled in a course in corrective reading being offered in the University this summer. Admission to the course was by application only, and membership is comprised of experienced teachers and supervisors who have had wide experience in teaching reading.

In the course, the teachers study the causes of reading difficulty, the techniques of diagnosing the difficulty, and the methods by which it can be corrected. Each teacher uses in the Reading Clinic techniques he or she has learned in the course for teachers.

The Reading Clinic makes use of the best that is available in instrumentation for a careful diagnosis of difficulty. A telebinocular and an audiometer are available for visual and auditory screening. The ophthalmograph is used to photograph the eye movement of a child as he reads. Survey and diagnostic tests are used to make an inventory of reading needs.

After an appraisal has been made of the child's present read-

ing abilities, a program is planned to meet the reading needs of the individual. The corrective program differs for each child since it is based upon the skills, attitudes, habits, interests, and needs of the individual. Library facilities, a voice recorder, a tachistoscope, and a reading accelerator are available to aid the teacher in motivating the improvement program.

It is anticipated that this clinical help in reading will become a regular part of the services of the School of Education to the public schools of the State, Dean Guy B. Phillips said today.

"This is a first step in the development of a comprehensive program in reading for the teachers of this region," he said.

Dr. Carl Brown of the School of Education faculty, who heads the clinic, will be joined by Dr. J. T. Hunt, member of the Reading Clinic staff of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., in September. Dr. Brown has been on the staff here for the last year and has been working with the public school systems in the Chapel Hill area.

LATIN CONTEST WINNER

Chapel Hill — Eugene Lane of Chapel Hill, won first place in the first-year group of the North Carolina High School Latin Contest held throughout the state under the auspices of the University of North Carolina Department of Classics and the Extension Division. Dr. B. L. Ullman, head of the department, announced this week. Among the schools, Chapel Hill took first place in the first-year contest, with Lenoir placing second and St. Stephens, Hixkory, third.

COURTHOUSE PROGRESS

Hillsboro — Prospects for erection of the new Orange County Courthouse inched forward this week with the approval of a low bidder to supply the steel for the proposed structure.

Architect Archie Davis told the board steel mill rolling schedules are now made up at least six months in advance. In order to receive the steel in any reasonable time a supplier should get his order and specifications into the mill.

Opening the bids from steel suppliers it was found the Carolina Steel and Iron Company of Greensboro was the low bidder and that firm's name and bid will be available to general contract bidders if and when the courthouse project is thrown open for bids.

The action of the county in establishing a low bidder for steel did not obligate the county for construction at any specific time.

Dates Are Set For Opening Tobacco Sales

Hillsboro — The opening of the tobacco auctioneer will be heard for the first time this season on Monday, September 17 on the Old Belt Tobacco Market.

The dates for the opening of the various belts comprising the Bright Belt, flue cured Associations were set last Friday in Raleigh at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Association.

From October 8 through October 12, all markets of the Old Middle, and Eastern Belts will operate 4 and a half hours per day. If a longer sales day is possible the Old Belt will be allowed to sell five hours also.

Local Tobacco warehousemen and growers had anticipated an earlier opening for the 1951 season. Several farm groups and associations have appealed to the Board of Governors to hold an earlier opening. The groups stated that this was necessary since the crop would be barned earlier this year and be ready for the

FHA Supervisor For Orange Area Gets Transfer

Haywood M. Page, formerly Assistant County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration has been promoted to County Supervisor of Durham and Orange Counties, according to J. E. Hull, State Field Representative. The new Assistant County Supervisor will be Carroll W. Jones, who was the Assistant in Duplin County prior to this change. Lacy W. Coates, formerly County Supervisor, has been transferred to

market prior to the opening. In the past it has been necessary for many leaf producers to transport their crop to eastern markets.

Other opening dates are as follows: Georgia-Florida, July 19; Border Belt, August 2; Eastern Belt, August 21; Middle Belt, September 4; Old Belt, September 17.

The board of governors in setting the dates and hours of sales adopted in its entirety the report of a special committee which has been studying the problem for several months. The committee held a hearing here on June 19.

At that hearing representatives of farm organizations suggested that auction sales be limited to four and one-half hours but sales had to be curtailed several times because tobacco redrying plants were overloaded.

The committee said that with a larger crop this year than last the flue-cured crops could not be marketed on a straight four and one half hour basis. It therefore decided that selling time should be increased early in the season and shortened later when sales usually reach their peak.

The committee said that failure of a portion of the tobacco buying industry to provide sufficient redrying facilities constituted a vital weakness in the tobacco sales structure.

Wayne County.

The FHA personnel of Durham and Orange Counties attended a policy meeting in Raleigh on June 25th and 26th. The main objective of FHA as brought out in this meeting is to make full and productive use of Farm Families land and labor resources.

Loans available to citizens of Orange County thru FHA include: operating loans, farm ownership loans, farm development loans, farm enlargement loans, and farm housing loan.

The purpose of the operating loan is to provide loan funds for those tenants or landowners who want to get into a livestock program but do not have the money to do so. This loan can be made over a 5 year period with a maximum loan in any one year of \$3500.00. The interest rate is 5%. This loan may include funds for such things as the seeding of permanent pasture, fertilizer, seed, food, feed, farming equipment, livestock, and workstock.

The purpose of the farm ownership loan is to help worthy tenants to become landowners. The farm enlargement loan is to help those farmers who own a small farm, to secure more land in order to operate successfully. The purpose of the development loan is to build up a landowners farm to an efficient farm family unit. This may consist of clearing land, establishing pasture, and fencing, along with building improvement.

One other loan available through the FHA is the Farm Housing Loan. This loan is available to farm owners for farm construction and repair of farm dwellings and out-buildings, providing adequate credit is not available from other sources.

The Farmers Home Administration Office is located in the Agriculture Building, 721 Foster St., in Durham County and in the Agriculture Building in Hillsboro, in Orange County. The Durham Office is open Monday through Friday and the Hillsboro office is open Thursday mornings.

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