

Local Schools Are Compared Conant Recommendations

Parents, teachers and school officials in the Orange County system have made a very study of the recently released Conant report "The American High School To-

day News believes that its readers would be interested to learn how their own schools compare to the standards suggested by former Harvard president, Dr. James Conant.

Paul Carr, superintendent of Orange County Schools, has prepared for the News a report on how the local schools rate with the Conant recommendations.

The Conant report was sponsored by the Carnegie corporation. It included interviews with 3,000 teachers and 1,000 students across the United States. Educators believe it to be the most extensive high school survey ever made.

Recommendations of The Conant Report:

Counseling System — There should be a counselor or guidance officer for every 100 pupils in the high school.

Individualized Programs — It should be the policy of the school that every student have individualized programs; there would be no classification of pupils into preparatory, vocational, or commercial groups.

Required Programs for All — 4 years of English, 3 years of science, 1 of math, and 1 of social studies, plus significant sequence of electives.

Grouping — Students should be grouped by ability subject by subject.

Record Keeping — There should be a durable record of each student's progress in four years and grades obtained.

Composition — The time devoted to composition during the four years should be equal to the total time given to the study of English.

Specialized Programs for the Slow Reader — Students who read at a level of 6th grade or below should have special attention by special teachers.

Programs of the Academically Talented — Students should be adopted in regard to electives for academically talented as a guide.

Gifted Pupils — Identification of this group should start in 7th or 8th grade.

Academic Inventory — Annual academic inventories, summarizing the programs of the academically talented, without giving names, should be made available to school boards.

Organization of the School Day — There should be at least six periods in addition to the physical education and driver education.

Prerequisites for Advanced Academic Courses — Standards in advanced courses should be such that students who enroll in each successive course of study have demonstrated the ability to handle the course.

Students Should Not be Given a Rank in Class — Desire to get high grades has led bright students to elect easy courses in order to get high grades. Ranking should be determined on the basis of grades obtained in subjects.

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Orange Farmers Got \$59,690 Aid Conservation Practices In '58

D. V. ROBERTS, county agent, said that 498 farms in 156 farm communities participated in the program for the first time since 1955.

Practice	Acres	Amt.	Sp.
Perm. Past	913	\$22,797.00	
Vegetative Cover in 104		2,973.01	
Crop rotation			
Lime on farmland	1083	8,925.00	
Tree Planting	87	1,050.00	
Vegetative Cover	55	602.00	
Improv. Forestry	123	1,584.00	
Cover Crops	96	285.00	

There were a total of 49 ponds built with cost-sharing amounting to \$12,778.00. Three farms seeded sod waterways with cost-sharing amounting to \$124.00.

We of the Orange County ASC Office stand ready to help you. Visit the County Office and discuss the ACP Program. The ACP or the Agricultural Conservation Program is a program for all farmers. If you have a conservation problem and cannot perform this conservation practice without assistance visit the County Office and file your request today.

The Orange County Conservation Program is a program in which the Government assists farmers in carrying out certain conservation practices on their farms. You might say it is a farmer-Government partnership.

The Government assists in carrying out needed conservation

G. Paul Carr, Orange County Supt. of Schools, Makes His Comparison:

1. At the present time, Orange County Schools have no full-time guidance counselors. To provide one for every 250 to 300 high school students would require the addition of 3 trained counselors.

2. We are working toward the individualization of programs for each of our students. In order to carry out this recommendation completely, it would be necessary for us to have the counselors noted above.

3. We require four (4) years of English, two (2) of social studies, one (1) of math, two (2) of science, one (1) of physical education, plus significant electives. The only requirement which we do not at present meet is (3-4) years of social studies.

4. No ability grouping is being done this year. We hope to begin it next year in some subjects.

5. Our high school diploma contains only that information which has normally been included in most high school diplomas. It does not contain a record of the courses studied or the grades received.

6. All high school English courses are planned on a half-time grammar (composition), half-time literature basis. We do not give a school-wide composition test in every grade.

7. We have no specialized program for the Development of Marketable Skills other than agriculture, home economics, and commercial subjects. Industrial arts and distributive education are needed to teach these marketable skills.

8. We have begun this year a special class in the eighth grade in one of our schools designed to give special attention to slow readers. This needs to be done in all schools in the eighth grade and in the high schools.

9. Very little extra is being done for the gifted child in our current school program. We hope to begin developing an extensive program based on guidance and testing next year.

10. Under the provisions of the National Defense Education Act we are beginning a program which will make it possible for us to identify early our gifted students. Our present testing program in the elementary school has been used in part to do this. The National Defense Education Act should accelerate this identification and selection.

11. We do not at the present time have any academic inventories. This program could be introduced if resources and facilities were made available for the collection of the data necessary for such an inventory.

12. Our school day is at present time organized on a six (6) period basis. Education is offered chiefly during the summer. The standards of our accrediting agencies require that periods in high school be of a certain length. In order to meet Dr. Conant's recommendation in regard to the number of periods, it would be necessary for us to lengthen the school day or to have the standards under which we operate changed.

13. We require that those who take advanced courses demonstrate their ability to successfully pursue such courses by having taken those courses which will give them basic foundation for taking advanced courses.

14. We rank our students on the basis of their grades in all their subjects.

There remain, however, many boxes unimproved: some rusty, with leaning supports, peeped with rocks, scrap iron or a random stick. These are eyesores and difficult to serve as well. Such mail boxes display a lack of pride by the owners and little interest in the mail they expect to get or the letters they put in the box to be picked up by the carrier.

Mail boxes are subject to many hazards: rain, mud and dust do much damage; the erosion of banks displace supports, wooden posts rot, and nails pull loose. Take a look at your mail box every time you go for the mail and if it is not in a condition that you can feel proud of, set a date for painting, digging, or nailing, and make this roadside advertisement of you say that you are a person with pride in yourself and your community.

We in the United States fare well, we eat more food, wear better clothes, live in better houses, and have the highest standard of living of this age. One of the main reasons for this has been our tremendous natural resources. We have used these resources recklessly in the past. Little thought was given to preserving these resources. Now we are facing a rapid increase in our population. Our resources are not nearly so plentiful as at one time. As our population increases naturally we are going to need more Agricultural products to feed, clothe, and house our people. The Agricultural Conservation Program is a program to protect our soils and guarantee our people food, shelter and clothing.

Mars Hill Planning 125th Anniversary Events Next Month

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SARAH TALLEY



PAUL SMITH

Aycock Students Chosen For Boys', Girls' State

Sarah Talley and Paul Smith, rising Seniors at Aycock High School have been selected to attend Girl's State and Boy's State.

They will be sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary of Prospect Hill. Boy's State will be held the week of June 14 at Chapel Hill and Girl's State the week of June 14 at The Woman's College in Greensboro.

Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Gilbert H. Talley of Cedar Grove. During her Freshman year she was Secretary and Treasurer of her class. She was Secretary of her Sophomore Class. She is vice president of the Student Council, vice president of Future Home-maker of America, editor of the school newspaper, assistant editor of the Annual from the Junior Class, head cheerleader for the past two years and is a member of the National Beta Club. She has also served as president of the local Presbyterian Youth Fellowship and is editor of the church paper.

Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert M. Smith of Cedar Grove. He was class treasurer in his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years. He has been a member of the varsity basketball team for three years and was recipient of meritorious award for service to the basketball team in 1958-1959. He is the Junior Class representative to the Student Council. He is also secretary of his Sunday School Class at Walnut Grove Methodist Church and a council member of the Youth Fellowship at that church.

Plans For Band This Summer Are Announced

A program for the Summer Band will start June 8 with applications being accepted through June 6. Interested parents are asked to contact, or have their children contact, Robert B. Hass, Director of Bands, at Hillsboro High School.

There will be two classes, one beginners and one intermediates, each running six weeks, two hours per day, five days per week.

Instruments are available through the Rental-Purchase plan offered by a reputable music company and details may be secured from Haas.

"Beginning students in our summer program should be ready to join our regular marching band by next fall," said Haas.

Improvement Of Mail Boxes Is Indicated

The annual May inspection of rural routes out of the Hillsboro Post Office revealed considerable improvement in mail boxes since last year, according to Postmaster Maude Brown.

These improved mail boxes not only make a more attractive roadside, they result in more efficient delivery and better protection of mail, she said.

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Plans Advanced For Orange Report To Youth Conference

Suit Authorized Against Caswell

The Orange County Board of Education is expected to file suit very shortly against the Caswell County Board of Education in a student assignment dispute.

Orange School Supt. G. Paul Carr said Monday night his board has authorized him to put the matter in the hands of the county attorney. He said he will talk with attorney A. H. (Sandy) Graham this week.

The Orange County board charged the Caswell board with refusing to comply with the 1955 Pupil Assignment Act in enrolling Orange students in Caswell schools without prior agreement.

The Orange County board decided to take legal steps in a meeting last Friday after J. C. Wilkerson, Caswell board member, and Tom Whitley, superintendent of Caswell schools, had presented their case.

The Caswell officials said this was the first year Orange students had attended Caswell schools and that for years Caswell residents had attended Orange schools.

The Orange board said that in light of the recent agreement with Person County, legal action was the only possible course. Last fall Person County initiated legal action against Orange County to keep 13 Person students from being admitted to Orange schools. The Orange board yielded to Person when it was ruled that a legal suit would be the only course open. Orange County now has no Person residents in its schools and is demanding a similar agreement with Caswell.



ELECTED — Mrs. Louise Warren Winslow, Home Economics Teacher of Aycock High School, was elected president of the Durham-Orange Home Economics Association at a dinner meeting held at Harvey's in Durham Wednesday of last week.

Exchange Club Will Sponsor Swim Lessons

The Hillsboro Exchange Club is planning to sponsor swimming lessons for the young people this summer at Holiday Park under the direction of William McDonald, Water Safety Director, American Red Cross, now living in Hillsboro.

The tentative dates set for the lessons are June 29 through July 3.

Swimming classes will be held at Freeland's Holiday Park Pool. They will be for approximately 1½ hours in the mornings.

Enrollment for these classes will be available only through the schools. Students are asked to notify their teacher if they wish to attend. Eligible ages will be rising second graders through children 12 years of age. There will be no fee for these lessons.

Bobby Knight, chairman of the program, is in the process of securing men and women instructors. 30 persons are needed and persons interested may contact Knight. Instructors must be over 18 years of age.

MERCHANTS MEETING

The Hillsboro Merchants Association will meet in the Colonial Inn for a luncheon meeting at 1 o'clock today.

Romus J. Smith Sr. will speak to the group.

Umstead Reports

House Will Approve Withholding Tax Plan

By J. W. UMSTEAD JR.

In last week's report while discussing the withholding tax plan I stated that a total of 48 million dollars was involved. This was an error on my part — the amount should have been 28 million dollars. The Withholding Bill came up before the Finance Committee of the

House on Thursday and was approved by more than a 2 to 1 majority. This indicates clearly that the Bill will be approved on the floor of the House when presented. This, in all probability means that it will be finally passed by both bodies, although there is considerable opposition to it in the Senate. There are features about it which I do not like yet in the interest of time I shall support it.

On Thursday morning the House Committee on Education gave an unfavorable report to the incentive plan suggested by the Governor and the Budget Commission. This plan was originally proposed to bring the schools in the small counties up to the same standard of those in the larger counties. After much discussion, however, the representatives of the small counties took the position that instead of helping them with their school problems it would finally end up in giving the populous and rich counties a large share

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Named as sub-committee chairman and the various areas upon which they will prepare segments of the Orange County report were: Miss Jessie Trowbridge and Mrs. Kathryn Miller, Family Life; G. P. Carr and Dr. Joseph Johnston, Education; Mrs. Alease Davis, Health; Mrs. Jane Parker, Social Services; and E. M. Lynch, Law Enforcement. Other areas in which chairman will be named later are Church and Related Activities, Recreation, and Employment.

This next White House conference, the sixth in 50 years, is a clearing house and forum for the exchange of ideas and experience for advancement of the welfare of all children. The main function of the county committee is similar to that of State and National conferences, to let everyone know of the work underway for the county's children, and in the light of this knowledge, to consider and determine the most pressing needs; and to plan ways and means of trying to meet these needs.

AT TAX MEETING — Mrs. Hortense Dickson, tax collector, and Frank Frederick, delinquent tax collector, this week are attending a tax collector's school at Chapel Hill, being conducted by the Institute of Government.

BIGGEST DAY YET

Saturday, with Durham County ABC stores closed because of a municipal election, proved to be the Hillsboro ABC store's biggest sales day thus far.

According to ABC Chairman R. J. Smith Sr., total sales for the day were in excess of \$3,600. The previous largest sales day was \$2,200.

The Hillsboro store has been open since April 10.

Memorial Rites Planned By Schley Post

The Schley American Legion Post 452 will hold its Memorial Service at the Mars Hill Baptist Church Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:45 o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. H. J. Melvin bringing the message.

The Legionnaires will visit the following cemeteries to decorate the graves: Mars Hill-New Sharon, Walker Family cemetery, Cedar Grove Methodist, Little River Presbyterian, Eno Presbyterian, New Bethel, Walnut Grove and Berry's Grove Churches.

Mangum Heads Group To Push Park Building

Clarence Mangum is in charge of a project of the Hillsboro Exchange club to promote a community building at the Recreational Park.

The building is planned to have meeting rooms, game rooms and 100 rooms large enough to feed 100 persons.

Mangum and his committee are now in the process of investigating the possibility for an early starting of this construction.

Rosemond New Cage Coach

In the new set-up, Rosemond will be able to devote his full time to basketball except for teaching some physical education classes. Head Coach Frank McGuire pointed out, "We are mighty happy that Ken is coming back to us," he added, "as we consider him an excellent basketball man as well as fine gentleman who will help us a lot."

McGuire said that Rosemond, in addition to coaching, would be in charge of recruiting in North Car-

olina. "He knows the state, has the contacts, and will be well qualified for this work," he said.

Rosemond as a player was coached by McGuire. He was guard on North Carolina's national championship squad of 1956-57.

Rosemond, a native of Hillsboro, manages a yacht club at Wrightsville Beach during the summer months. He will report to his new duties here next fall.

Rosemond is married to the former Barbara Ballenger of Raleigh.