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## Money Drought In Rural Schools

By: Verne Strickland

A tremendous imbalance in the distribution of local funds for education is denying North Carolina's rural children of schooling on a par with that of city youngsters.

In fact, on a statewide average, local sources are investing in urban schools almost twice the amount

being received by rural school children.

Some shocking figures released by the State Department of Public Instruction reveal that the average rural North Carolina pupil is backed only \$38.36 in local funds, while his friend in the city gets the benefit of \$60.99 in local funds.

Dr. Raymond Stone is disturbed about the situation. He is assistant director of curriculum study for the state, and acts as executive secretary of the State Committee for Better Schools. He helped to gather the figures.

Dr. Stone asserts that the 'real difference in the quality of North Carolina schools is bought with local money.' State and federal funds for Tar Heel systems are fairly well balanced between city and county.

The educational leader is interested in "getting the wealth of a county behind every boy and girl in that county."

And why is this not done now? First, says Dr. Stone, special supplemental taxes voted on centralized urban wealth are considered "city funds". The revenue does not help the pupil in a rural system. Second, superfluous school systems in a county hamper correction of the imbalance in spending. In a consolidated unit, local tax dollars back each pupil equally.

Dr. Stone notes that mergers "do not save dollars, but allow a more efficient expenditure of them." Before Forsyth County and Winston-Salem merged school systems, Forsyth pupils got \$66 in local money, while Winston children got \$114. Consolidation equalized things.

What to do? Says Dr. Stone: "Rural people have shown a reluctance to vote special taxes on themselves to the extent that city people have. They must realize that they are voting taxes on the total wealth of the county, and not just their own property."

He said that local school boards and administrators often frown on mergers because they mean a loss of position, status and power. And people fear they will lose touch with their school.

"They place community pride ahead of the educational welfare of their children," says Dr. Stone.

A changing attitude would help. But Dr. Stone also suggests that the General Assembly direct the State Board of Education to make a study of how schools are paid for and organized.

There is reason for haste. Rural drop-outs exceed city drop-outs. Fewer rural youngsters further their education after high school. Dr. Stone says this is "because of the inadequate program. There are not enough teachers to offer the variety of courses which city boys and girls can get."

Until this "money drought" ends, we cannot hope for a top yield from our rural crop of youngsters.

## Outlaw's Bridge News Personals

Mrs. J. H. Parker, Corres.

The annual Home Demonstration Club Recreational picnic will be held Saturday, August 17 at the church at 6:30 p. m. Club members and public are cordially invited.

Prof. and Mrs. Raymond Adams of Chapel Hill were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Outlaw Sunday, following church services at 11:00 at which Prof. Adams was guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herring of Snow Hill have been recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Simmons. Miss Myra Maxwell of Wilson visited relatives Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Smith was hostess to the A. U. W. at her home Saturday, August 10. Mrs. H. A. Outlaw presi-

dent, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p. m. Mrs. Smith led the devotional subject, "God is Love." This was followed by a business

period. Mrs. M. L. Outlaw, program chairman presented an interesting reading on "Teaching the Bible". Mizpah benediction was

used as the closing prayer. A social hour with refreshments was enjoyed by a splendid attendance of members and several visitors.

Missies Sallye and Essie Mae Outlaw spent last Thursday with their cousin, Mrs. W. L. Measley near LaGrange.

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