

Can Rural Schools Provide Quality Education?

By: Ruth E. Wells

Can rural Duplin County provide quality education for its young people? The answer is definitely YES. In fact it is being done.

Probably the best example of quality education in Duplin County is the Chinquapin Elementary School, which has an enrollment of 550 students.

The first evidence of an outstanding school in the rural community of Chinquapin is the background music which greets you as you enter the building. This was installed just last fall. The primary purpose was to provide music in the corridors for early arriving students, thereby providing a relaxed atmosphere. Proven much more effective than anticipated, the music has been extended into periodic parts of the day.

Does the County provide this?

"No indeed", said Mr. George Frank Landen, principal of school. "We just have the finest parents supporting us that a school ever had. They want the best for their children and they support the school 100%".

Mr. Landen feels that the school is most fortunate in having the present faculty, which includes nineteen qualified and dedicated teachers.

He was also quick to praise the students, who have proven themselves outstanding in many ways.

But speaking of dedication that is exactly what Mr. Landen is! He is recognized as happiest when he is actually among "his school children", the children of his neighbors and friends.

A native of Chinquapin, Mr. Landen is himself a graduate of Chinquapin High School, and of Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina.

His first teaching job was in Georgia where he met and married the former Levoris Chasen. Ageing parents, plus the responsibility of a farm brought the Landens back home. He taught 7th and 8th grades until he became principal when the high school was consoli-



Members of the Junior Beta Club at Chinquapin Elementary School are: seated (L to R) Delores Sholar, Judy Sholar, reporter; Mrs. Jean Elston, sponsor; Sherrel Sholar, president; Linda Bryan, vice president; Bridget Sholar, secretary; Sherry Lanier and Sula Lanier. Second row: Annette Sholar, Nancy

Jones, Shirley Smith, Sue Gregg, Ailsa Boyette, Debbie Sholar, Katie Lanier, Allan Lanier, Lou Ann Henderson, William Jones, Aubrey Brown and Tony Dale. Third row: Keith Fountain, Vicki Maready, Sharon Norris, Belinda Fountain, Evelyn Likens, Cynthia Batchelor, Derita Fountain and Debra Taylor.



Contestants participating in the Current Events Quiz Contest are (L to R) 1st row: Mrs. Mary C. Sanderson, sponsor, Sandra Maready, Pansl Fountain, Susan Futreal and Allen Cavanaugh. Second row: Curt Mobley, Dennis Albertson, Richard

Brown, Larry Brant, Mike Hatcher, Bryan Smith, Mike Norris, and Tony Dale. Third row: William Jones, Steve Horne, Wayne Lanier, Hal Williams, Max Brinson, Philip Wood, Anthony Pierce, George Mike Sholar, and Danny Wood.



Chinquapin's outstanding Current Event quiz team is composed of (L to R): Ailsa Boyette, Sharon Norris, Keith Fountain and Bill Bradham. Standing is Mrs. Mary C. Sanderson, sponsor, and Mr. George F. Landen, principal.

will be less confusion for the children for the work to be done during the summer vacation. It will be completed before school starts again next fall.

The circulation of books and the interest in reading is so great the Mr. Landen feels that they definitely need a full time librarian.

Inside the school auditorium, a beautiful velour curtain has been installed on the stage and matching draw drapes are at the windows.

The lunch room is air conditioned, the only one of its kind in the entire county. The food is unusually good.

Outside, the school ground contains a paved outdoor court. This provides space for basketball, volley ball and tennis, and represents an investment of nearly \$4,000, provided by the community, not the county. This court is lighted and will be open during the summer months, providing recreation for both children and adults.

The athletic program is well rounded and also includes mid-grade football, and baseball.

One of the highlights of the athletic year comes in the spring with Field Day. The "crab walks", "duck walks," and "monkey walks" are a delight to the tiny tots participating, as well as the spectators. The bag races and different types of relay races draw participants from the upper grades. The winners re-



Mr. George Frank Landen, Principal of Chinquapin Elementary School where quality education is the order of the day. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

ceive ribbons, the losers receive an affectionate pat on the back and words of encouragement by their principal. With this type of atmosphere, it is plain to see there are no discipline problems here, but rather a mutual love and respect. More about story on page 11

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It is easy to see that the accomplishments of the school mean a great deal to him. "We had a current event team last year that placed second in the nation", he explained, "and while some children's time is consumed by comic books and such, many of our 7th and 8th graders read the editorials of newspapers and magazines. These children have the capacity to think, and

they are making the most of their assets."

Members of the Current Event Team representing the school last year were Bill Bradham, Wilson Brown, Keith Fountain, Ailsa Boyette, and Sharon Norris.

The children are the same this year with only one exception.

Mrs. Mary C. Sanderson is sponsor of the Current Events Program which is proving equally as popular this year as last.

The national contest was sponsored by Stavis, Sloan and Stavis of Illinois. The contestants also entered the state contest sponsored by the News and Observer of Raleigh. They won the Elementary Division for the state and placed second in the Junior HI division.

Two students from this school, Ailsa Boyette Deloris Sholar have attended the school at Western Carolina University for especially talented children. Ailsa had the distinction of being chosen twice.

"We are also very proud of our Junior Beta Club and its sponsor, Mrs. Jean R. Elston," said Mr. Landen.

Beta Clubs, which help to develop leadership and character, are clubs found in virtually every high school, but VERY few Elementary Schools have them.

"The excellent training received by the Chinquapin students really shows up here at East Duplin", said a former teacher there.

Plans are underway to re-

novate the library. Funds are already available to install acoustical tile on the ceiling and wall to wall carpeting on the floor. Mr. Landen thinks it

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