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Survey Shows Decline In School Population

Editors Note: The 1972 Annual North Carolina Public School Survey provides a current status of pupil enrollment, professional and non-professional personnel, and instructional spaces as of the first month of the 1972-73 school year. Information for these vital phases

of school operation was developed from data reported by the superintendents of the 153 county and city administrative units. The tables and summaries depict the highlights of this status study.

There were fewer students, more teachers, and a continu-

ing need for new classrooms in N.C. public schools during 1972.

These are some of the highlights of the 1972 Public School Survey, released by the Dept. of Public Education.

The Survey reveals that there were 1,159,849 pupils enro-

lled in the public schools at the end of the first month of the 1972-73 school year. That's a decrease of 12,802, or 1.1%, compared to the previous year. Enrollment has been decreasing slowly each year since 1968, when a record 1,195,688 students were in public schools. A continued decrease in pupil enrollment is expected. Although high school enrollment is still increasing, the rate of increase is falling rapidly. High school enrollment in the city schools units is decreasing.

There were 56,980 professional personnel employed in the public schools at the end of the first month of the 72-73 school year. That's an increase of 417 over the previous year. In addition, the schools employed 34,885 non-professional personnel, such as teacher aides, secretarial and clerical assistants. Because of teacher sh-

ortage or classroom shortage, 79 teaching positions were vacant at the time of the 1972 report, 14 fewer than in 1971.

The survey also reveals that the certification level of teachers has been rising during the past five years. The number of teachers holding less than a bachelor's degree decreased from 6.2% in 1968 to 2.4% in 1972.

There is indication of an easing of the difficulty in filling teaching positions since the fall of 1971, according to reports from superintendents.

N.C. has an urgent need for additional improvement of its school plant facilities, according to the Public School Survey. During the past year, a total of 1,830 instructional spaces have been added but 742 obsolete or inadequate ones have been abandoned, representing a net gain of only 1,088 spaces dur-

ing the 12-month period. There is still a shortage of 6,751 instructional spaces, which include classrooms, laboratories, shops, libraries, and multipurpose rooms. 545 of these spaces are scheduled for completion before the opening of the 1973-74 school year. In order to compensate for the shortage of instructional space, 84 percent of the local school units have had to house pupils in unsatisfactory facilities that do not meet the minimum educational, physical, or sanitary standards.

For Duplin County the survey of personnel showed the enroll-

ment at the end of the first month to be 9,372; professional personnel employed end of first month, 496; men employed, 131; personnel holding less than Bachelor's degree, 41; personnel paid entirely from local funds, 4; personnel receiving local salary supplement, 22; personnel not in unit last year, 44; "Brand new" teachers, 29; former teachers, 10.

The survey of instructional spaces showed no pupils in non publicly owned buildings in Duplin County. Pupils in temporary quarters, 930; no pupils in improvised quarters in pu-

blic school buildings; excess students in over-crowded classrooms, none; total excess enrollment, 930; instruction spaces available beginning 1971-72, 422; instruction spaces abandoned during 1971-72, 39; instruction spaces completed during 1971-72, 21; instruction spaces available beginning 1972-73, 404; instruction spaces needed to accommodate excess enrollment, 31; instruction spaces needed to replace unsatisfactory facilities, 132; total additional instruction spaces needed 213; instruction spaces to be completed during 1972-73, 14.

Ellerman To Judge National Piano Auditions In Warsaw

Ray Ellerman of Albemarle, N.C. will judge the National Piano Auditions in Warsaw on May 9, 10, 11, and 12. Students of Mrs. Rachel B. Bowden and Mrs. W.J. Middleton, Jr. will audition for Mr. Ellerman.

Stanley Technical Institute Artist-in-residence Ray Ellerman is recognized as an outstanding instructor, performer, and composer who not only has given as many as thirteen concerts in Stanly County during one day, but who is now participating in an exchange program with musicians from other schools within the N.C. Community College system. These programs are sponsored by a grant from the Arts Council of N.C.

The harpsichord used for traveling was built by Ellerman in 1968-67 from a kit supplied by Frank Hubbard of Boston. His other harpsichord and Clavichord was built by Neupert of Western Germany.

As an accomplished harpsichordist, Ellerman has given recitals in eleven states and one province of Canada, appeared as soloist with the St. Louis String Ensemble, and the St. Louis and Erie Philharmonics, and performed on the ancient harpsichords in London's Fenton House collection.

Before coming to Albemarle in August 1972, Ellerman operated piano studios in St. Louis, Missouri and Erie, Penns. In 1971, he relocated in Harrisonburg, Va. where he taught at Eastern Mennonite College, and his wife is still director of music at Asbury United Methodist Church there. He still maintains his residence in Harrisonburg and goes



Ray Ellerman

back on the weekends he is not performing.

His musical training was begun in Indianapolis, Indiana and continued in St. Louis. He received Bachelor and Masters degrees from St. Louis Institute of Music. Following graduation, he studied composition at New York State University at Buffalo for one year and with internationally-known harpsichordist Hilda Jonas for five years.

Ellerman was listed in the Community Leaders of Ameri-

ca for 1970 publication. He has served as artistic director of the Erie Chamber Music Society and President of the Erie Music Teachers Association, and is an adjudicator with the National Guild of Piano Teachers. He holds membership in the International Society of Harpsichordists and Harpsichord Builders. His compositions include works for the harpsichord and the organ. He and his wife who has her masters in Sacred Music, often appear as a team.

Big Soybean Year In Duplin

"This is going to be a big soybean year in terms of acreage, both in Duplin and N. Carolina," says R.E. Wilkins, Agricultural Extension Agent for Duplin County.

Planting in Duplin County are expected to reach a record large 47 thousand acres, most of this will be land that formerly was "set aside" (held out of production) under farm programs.

Continued wet weather delayed farmers in taking soil samples and applying lime where needed, although much liming has been done in the past two weeks. Hundreds of fields across the county are too acid for maximum soybean production, Wilkins said.

Where idle land is being returned to production and the soil is on the acid side, lime applied late may not have time to correct the acidity problem. It is recommended that the soybean seed be treated with molybdenum, a micronutrient whose availability is limited if the soil is acid.

For profitable production, the soybean plant requires a small amount of molybdenum. Treating the seed with this material can pay off tremendously.

The seed treatment should also include inoculation where the crop is to be planted on land previously idle or land that has not been in soybeans in the past five years.

The Ransom soybean variety, released a few years ago by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Station, has been "a real leader in terms of yield potential," Ransom compares with Bragg in maturity. In three years of official variety testing the yields of Ransom have averaged about 13% higher than those of Bragg.

"If a grower can get some seed of Ransom, it might be a good idea to try it this year," Wilkins said.

and is strong for the limited supply of quality soybean seed available this spring. And seed prices are high.

Colonel Kenan Biography To Be Prepared

RALEIGH--Colonel Thomas S. Kenan, who commanded the 43rd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry in the Civil War, is to be one of the subjects in the forthcoming multi-volume Dictionary of N.C. Biography, to be published by the UNC Press.

After his service in the War, part of which time was spent in the Federal Prison on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, Col. Kenan lived for a time in Wilson, where he practiced law and served as Mayor of the City. During his term of office, he engaged in many works of

civic improvement. A street is named for him in that city. Afterward he served for many years as an official in State Government.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, where a monument marks the grave of himself and his wife. It carries the following inscription: THOMAS STEPHEN KENAN COLONEL 43RD N.C. REGIMENT C SA BORN AT KENANSVILLE, N.C. FEBRUARY 12TH 1838 DIED AT RALEIGH, N.C. DECEMBER 23RD 1911 SALLIE DORTCH HIS WIFE 1845-1916.

The biography of Col. Kenan is to be prepared by Dr. A.M. Fountain, retired member of the faculty at N.C. State University. Dr. Fountain had several relatives and natives of his region in Onslow County to serve under Col. Kenan during the War.

To Serve As Page

Johnny Booker of Warsaw has been selected to serve as a Page in the North Carolina Senate during the week of April 30th through May 4th, 1973. Johnny is a Junior at J.K. Hi-

Brothers Arrested For Conspiracy In Explosion Case In Duplin

Two Duplin county men have been charged with conspiracy to use high explosives to damage personal property and the use of explosive devices to damage property.

Curtis Lavern Henderson, 29,

white male, and Otis Devone Henderson, 23, white male, brothers of Rt. 2, Wallace were charged by the Duplin County Sheriff's Dept. this week. The charges resulted from an incident April 8, when an explosion

caused damages to the Four Corners Variety Store in the Pin Hook section. The store is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Egley.

The Henderson brothers have been released on a \$5,000 bond each.

Basden said Jim Lancaster and Ralph Ellis, ATF officers from Goldsboro helped the sheriffs dept. during the investigation.

The explosion did damages to a plate glass window and door according to Deputy Alfred Basden.

Powell Appointed Conservationist

Robert E. Powell, a Kentucky native who since 1967 has been coordinator of the North Central Piedmont Resource Conservation and Development Project, has been named as Area 7 for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. It was announced today by State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh.

Mr. Powell will report to the Area 7 assignment in Goldsboro on April 30. In his new position he will exercise administrative supervision over 303 field offices in Fayetteville, Lillington, Clinton, Kenansville, Goldsboro, Snow Hill, Kinston, Trenton, Jacksonville, Bayboro, New Barn and Beaufort.

He succeeds Robert P. Moore of Goldsboro, who retired recently.

Robert Powell was born at Palma, Kentucky, June 23, 1925. After military service in the Army in WWII, he received a B.S. Degree in agriculture from Murray State College in

1949 and joined the Soil Conservation Service as a career employee. After several assignments of increasing responsibility in Kentucky, he reported to Graham to begin work as North Central Piedmont RCD Coordinator on Oct. 22, 1967, and has held that assignment since.

He received a citation for Outstanding performance of his duties in 1972.

"We in SCS are delighted that we can replace Penn Moore with someone who has the experience and knowledge of conservation programs that E. Powell does," State Conservationist Jesse Hicks said in announcing the appointment. "We feel he is ready for the responsibilities of the new job, and will render a real service in Area 7."

Robert Powell is married to the former Louise Sample of Kentucky, and they have two daughters and a son--Victor, Micki and Greg. The Powells are members of the Baptist Church.

Johnny Booker

gh School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, JK Annual Staff, Vice President of the Chess Club and a member of the baseball team.

Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parker of 213 Dogwood Dr. Warsaw, N.C.

Accreditation Team Visits JSI

JSI was visited by an Evaluation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during the week of April 18-19.

Members who represented Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on the Evaluation Committee were: Dr. Jack Tappins, Chairman Vice President Texas State Technical Institute Waco, Texas 76708; and Mr. W.L. Vierling Director, Student Services Mississippi Gulf Coast Jr. College Gulfport, Mississippi 39501.

"Correspondent Status" by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in August, 1971, which was renewed in August, 1972. JSI is now seeking full accreditation and the results of the

Shooting in Faison

The Duplin County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating a shooting incident that happened on Rt. 2, Faison, Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

According to Special Investigator Glenn Jerling, Cherry Heaman was shot in the face, neck and chest with a shotgun. Heaman is listed in serious condition at the VA Hospital in Durham.

Science Fair At Warsaw

By: Ruth P. Grady

Models of the Moon, Volcanoes, Electronic Code Keys, Devices for Measuring Static Electricity, Insects, Growing Plants, and Sketches of all parts of the Human Body were just a few of the 308 exhibits at the '73 Annual Science Fair at Warsaw Jr. High on April 19, 1973.

The Science Fair was divided into three classifications: Life Science with 103 entries; Physical Science with 105 entries, and Earth Space Science with 95 entries. Each entry was unusually well presented. Judges were Mrs. George Penney and Mr. Thomas Hodges. Judging was done on the following bases: Creative Ability, 30 points; Scientific Thought, 30 points; Skill, 10 points; Clarity, 10 points; Thoroughness, 10 points; and Dramatic Value, 10 points.

Four overall top places were awarded. First place was a Hurricane Generator done by Susan Jones and Megan Marzady. Second place, How Light Affects Growth, was awarded Sammy Yeach. Third place, the Grand Canyon was

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Vegetables Destroyed In Duplin & Sampson Counties

RALEIGH--Approximately 35,000 vegetable plants for commercial growers in Sampson and Duplin Counties have been destroyed by inspectors of the Entomology Division of the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture.

According to Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, the imported plants, consisting largely of pepper, egg plant and cabbage, were not certified disease-free. N.C. law requires all plants imported from out-of-state be certified.

"It is imperative that this law be rigidly enforced," Graham said "And even certified plants found to be diseased will also be destroyed to prevent spread of infection."

Diseases most commonly found are pepper leaf spot, tomato blights and PVY, a virus which is hosted by tomato plants but attacks tobacco.

"I urge all growers to import only certified plants," Graham cautioned. "It is not the intention of the NCDA to hurt anyone but the law must be enforced to protect the industry of agriculture. I want to

commend the county extension agents, merchants and growers in these areas for cooperating with our inspectors."

Most of the vegetable plants are coming from Fla. Later in the season they will be imported from Ga.

Conservation Poster Contest

The second Annual Duplin Conservation Poster Contest was held on April 16, in the Agricultural Building in Kenansville. This contest was sponsored by the District Supervisors of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District and its Ladies Auxiliary.

There were 52 posters entered in the contest this year. The following schools participated: Rose Hill-Magnolia, Warsaw-Douglas, B.F. Grady, West Duplin Christian Academy, P.W. Moore Elementary, Wallace Elementary, Chinquapin I, and Beulaville Elementary School. This was a tremendous increase over the number of posters entered in 1972.

Frankie Owen Williams of

Wallace Elementary School received a check for \$10.00 and a plaque for winning first place. Randy Sandlin of Beulaville Elementary School received a check for \$5.00 and a trophy for winning second place.

Mark Ballard of B.F. Grady School received a check for \$3 and a white ribbon for winning third place.

Mrs. Ruth P. Grady, Public Relations Director of Duplin County Schools; Mr. George

Penny, retired Work Unit Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service; and, Mr. W.P. Fennell, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at E.E. Smith Jr. High School served as judges for the contest this year.