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Education in North Carolina

Appearing this Christmas season was the final printed report of the State Education commission entitled "Education in North Carolina, Today and Tomorrow."

This report is the culmination of two years of study by the education commission which was appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry during the 1947 legislature. It is a comprehensive, detailed, and competent study of the school system in our state. It is the basis on which the 1949 legislature will act to improve the crippled public school system. Without it no one could begin, intelligently, to repairing the damage in North Carolina's education field which has been wrought by years of neglect.

The report, 402 pages, deals with the instructional program, secondary education, vocational education, education of exceptional children, pupil personnel and personnel services, teacher education, pupil transportation, school buildings, state educational organization and administration, local school organization and administration, and most important of all, the financial program for public education.

From time to time, summaries of these various phases of the educational commission's report have appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES, as they have in all papers throughout the state.

A study of this type useless unless it reaches parents, taxpayers, and all of us who are vitally concerned with the educational facilities of our own town and of our state. When Governor Cherry did not authorize the printing and distribution of the commission's report, it was printed under the sponsorship of the United Forces for Education in North Carolina. The United Forces consist of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, the North Carolina State School Board association, North Carolina State Grange, North Carolina Education association, the state Farm Bureau, and the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs.

These groups "believe this volume to be a Bill of Rights for North Carolina children," according to the report's preface. They also believe that the State Education Commission is a people's commission, that the wishes of the people are revealed in its recommendations, and that the people themselves should be thoroughly informed. For this reason they financed its printing.

R. Grady Rankin, Gastonia, commission chairman, and all 18 members of the commission have done an excellent job. It remains now for the state legislature to make it possible to follow the way they have mapped out.

Thoughts for an open mind...

The end of all thought should be action.

Ceremonies are different in every country, but true politeness is everywhere the same.

It is pride in fashion that puts humility out of countenance. Prosperity tries the human heart with the deepest probe and brings forth the hidden character.

Sleep over your problems and you will come to a resolution. Old unpaid obligations are the envious past clutching the throat of the living present.

Who would regard all things complacently must think of a great many.

Knowledge humbles the great man, astonishes the common man, and puffs up the little man.

—Jim Morrill

Raleigh Round up



ALL RIGHT NOW — During the gubernatorial campaign last spring, the followers of Kerr Scott pooh-poohed Candidate Charles M. Johnson's plan for a \$100,000 bond issue for the building and improving of North Carolina's roads "while the State continues to pile up a huge surplus."

Now Kerr Scott says we may need an increase in the gas tax of from three to five cents per gallon. He also points out that it will likely be necessary to vote a bond issue of \$200,000.

Late in the campaign Charles Johnson discussed the possibility of increasing the number of men on the State Highway and Public Works Commission to 20 men. The Scott supporters yelled at this, saying it was just an attempt to provide more political jobs.

Last week Scott discussed the possibility of raising the number of men on the highway commission to 30.

Around and around the Mulberry bush so early in the morn-

ing. Also, it made the children laugh and play to see a lamb at school.

STAFF — It now looks as if the main staff of the House in the Legislature will be about the same this time as in 1947. Of course, Kerr Craig Ramsey will be speaker. In the Senate, there will not be many new faces among those who handle the machinery — with the exception of the man who presides. Pat Taylor as the presiding officer is expected to keep the 50 good men and true on a fairly even keel. He can do no better in this respect, however, than L. Y. Ballentine and W. P. Horton.

The State Senate, as a rule, is relatively easy group to handle. On the other side of the Capitol storms brew and tempers are frequently short.

If you plan to visit the Legislature you will have more fun on the House side, but it is often said that the representatives more ac-

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK



curately portray the wishes of the people than the Senators.

IN CONTROL — This time, the State Sen is likely to use more of its potential powers than it has been forced to in recent years. The strength of the Senate is terrific. In fact, a half dozen influential men in that body can play a much more important role in shaping the State's destiny and politics during the next four years than the Governor.

You frequently hear talk these days of the trouble which the Legislature will give Governor Scott. If this fight does occur, it will be between Scott and the State Senate.

REFERENDUM — Although he hasn't been saying much about it lately, Scott promised the people months ago that he would ask for a State referendum on liquor. Thousands of votes went to him as the result of this plan in his platform.

So, Scott will be forced to request the Legislature to pave the way for this vote. He can do as Clyde R. Hoey, J. M. Broughton, and R. Gregg Cherry did. They merely asked for it and pursued the matter no further.

Scott says the State needs more money, and he is going to be reluctant to see any drop in revenue. Consequently, he may merely request the Legislature to do something about the liquor problem. If he makes a battle of it, a referendum may be forthcoming. Otherwise, the present system of control will prevail through his administration.

Heretofore, the House of Representatives has prevented the state-wide liquor vote through the use of the "gag rule." This session, the House may do an about face, being on the dry side, with the Senate carrying the ball for the continuance of the present ABC system. That's the way it looks at this time.

PRECARIOUS — Somebody has said that "politics is a precarious livelihood."

Scores of appointees in North Carolina now see all too well the bitter truth of that statement. They don't know what they will be doing a year from now. Their Christmases were exceedingly bleak. They fade a year of uncertainties. Many of them, through guessing correctly in 1932, 1936, '40, and '44, have made fair incomes, have established homes in Raleigh and elsewhere. Now they

don't know where to turn. The fear is upon them.

The other day the assistant to a man in a high appointive position got the mail from the post office. In it was a letter to his boss. On the envelope was that ominous name: "W. Kerr Scott." The boss was out of town, and the assistant virtually had nervous prostration before reaching him, for he knew his chief was a goner.

As it turned out, the letter was only a little note from the new governor thanking him for a recent favor.

NOTES — Marjorie Hunter, crack political reporter for the N&O is resigning from this job. . . . will go to Houston, Texas. . . . Baptists are talking about that fouled ball in the Wake Forest drive toward the Twin City. . . . You will probably read a great deal about it later, but it now looks as if around \$250,000 may be lost in a Texas oil well proposition. If the news breaks, it will come from Winston-Salem, many of whose good Baptists were pulled in on the idea.

D. S. Coltrane, outgoing Agriculture Commissioner, can be director of the Department of Conservation and Development if he wants it. . . . But he is afraid of a bad guess four years hence.

GETTING BUSY — Reports are reaching Raleigh that Kerr Scott's recent slams at various utilities are already producing results. And was it purely coincidence that Bell's two millionth telephone since the war installed in a farmer's home—in Alamance County?

OTWAY

Dec. 24 — Rev. and Mrs. Lollis will leave for Pantego Friday and from there they will go on to Florida to spend the Christmas holidays with their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gillikin, of Norfolk, are expected to arrive here Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gillikin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fulcher and children, of North River, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Lawrence.

Mrs. Leon Styron and children, of Davis, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. E. T. Lawrence. The Christian Sunday school will give a Christmas program at the Disciple church Thursday night.

Mrs. Maxwell Lawrence and

children, of North River, spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gillikin, son and daughter, of Williamsburg, will arrive the week end to spend the Christmas holidays with their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Taylor and son, of Sea Level, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Lawrence.

Bedford and Roy Dowdy, of Norfolk, will arrive the week end to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Beulah L. Dowdy. The P. T. A. held its meeting Tuesday at the school house. The meeting was called to order by the secretary, Mrs. Blondell Lawrence and the minutes was read by the president, Mrs. Lemuel Gillikin.

The teachers gave a Christmas program which everyone enjoyed, and there was also gifts exchanged by the teachers and parents. At the end of the meeting there was hot coffee and cake served.

Those present Mrs. Hardy Lawrence, Mrs. Arnold Lawrence, Mrs. Guyon Lewis, Mrs. Beulah L. Dowdy, Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Mrs. Glenn Gillikin, Mrs. Ivey Gillikin, Mrs. Melvin Gillikin, Mrs. Floyd Lawrence, Mrs. S. W. Lawrence, Mrs. Sylvester Lawrence, Mrs. Jennie Gillikin, Mrs. Lina Gillikin, Mrs. Thurman Lawrence, Mrs. Norman Gillikin, Mrs. Alva P. Gillikin, Mrs. Vannie Willis, Mrs. Luke Hill, Mrs. Brad Gillikin, Mrs. Lenwood Gillikin, Mrs. Clifton Lawrence, and Mrs. Virginia Lawrence.

MERRIMON

Dec. 23 — Mrs. P. F. Carraway, Mrs. Emily Nelson and George Dixon shopped in Beaufort and Morehead City on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carraway and children spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Rev. Mitchell, of Morehead City, preached here Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. He spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. E.

Swiss and French Discover, Mark Lost Boundaries

GENEVA, Switzerland — (AP)

The lost border between France and Switzerland has been found and marked and everybody is happy again. Some farmers who thought they were French now find their farms are in Switzerland. The correction was made after

Mrs. Lorena Williams, Mrs. Iva Garrish and Mrs. Doris Garrish.

Christmas carols were sung and everybody carried a gift and exchanged them.

New officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Janice Taylor succeeded Mrs. Doris for president; Mrs. Blanche Styron succeeded Mrs. Wilma Williams for vice-president; Mrs. Iva Garrish succeeded Mrs. Bertha O'Neal for secretary; and Mrs. Louella Williams succeeded Mrs. Bertha O'Neal for treasurer.

The class will meet with Mrs. Lucille Garrish for next week.

more than 100 years of uncertainty along the Jura mountain frontier of western Switzerland. It involved a stretch of about fifteen miles.

The frontier was fixed in 1824, but the Duke of Neuenberg on the Swiss side and his Imperial French colleagues neglected to mark it for posterity. Peasants in the region have been asking themselves for years whether they really were in Switzerland or France.

Now the people who worry about such things finally have cut a path twelve feet wide through the woods and weeds to mark the spot.

Smile a While

Television is something to put on a radio so that you can see things are really as bad as you heard they were.

The present value of Stradivari's violins, made by the famous 17th Century Italian violin maker ranges from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

Lawrence and Mr. D. M. Salter and visited in the community on Monday.

Miss Kathleen Todd, of Columbus, Ga., arrived here last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todd. Mrs. Rubin Wallace, who is a patient in Morehead City hospital, is reported to be getting on nicely.

Quite a number of people from South River attended services here on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Felton and baby, Ann Ganelle, of Beaufort R.F.D., visited Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Todd and daughter, Catherine shopped in Beaufort on Monday.

Merrimon had the first big frost of the year last night, Dec. 20. Quite unusual for this time of the year.

Mrs. Milton Pittman, of Cherry Point, is spending a few days with her parents, the Henry Carraways.

Mr. John Carraway, of Camp Lejeune, was home for a short time on Saturday.

Mr. Oscar Pittman and George Pittman, who are working in Beaufort and Morehead City, spent the weekend at home.

OCRACOKE

Dec. 23 — Troy Williams arrived home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zina Williams.

Potter Garrish arrived home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Garrish.

Thurman Styron arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Austin and children arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham Simpson left last week to spend the Christmas holidays at Richmond, Va. with their daughter, Mrs. Elsie Ponabus.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Simpson and Mrs. Simpson's mother, Mrs. Mary F. O'Neal arrived home Monday from Richmond, Va. where Mr. Simpson is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie House, of Rocky Mount, N. C., are here spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. House's mother, Mrs. Lethal O'Neal.

Miss Lucy Garrish is here spending the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Clifton Austin and children spent Saturdays at Hatteras visiting relatives.

The class of the Willing Workers had their Christmas meeting at the church Thursday night at 8 p.m. Ice cream and cake were served by the refreshment committees.

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All Taxpayers in Morehead City are hereby notified that pursuant to the Requirements of the Statute, they are required to return to Charles V. Webb, List Taker of Morehead City all Real and Personal Property which each Taxpayer owned on the First Day of January, 1949, and said Returns shall be made to the List Taker during the month of January, 1949.

List Your Property During January

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