

177 Carteret County Seniors Complete High School Careers

Job Clinic

Outlook for Graduates In the World of Work

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The automotive industry and its related fields offer more job and business opportunities today for trained and enterprising young men than perhaps any other business field in the world.

This spring's college and high school graduates will find employment prospects encouraging in the automotive field in many parts of the country.

More than 41 million cars, trucks and buses are in use today on the nation's highways and it takes many different types of businesses and jobs to meet the needs of the vehicles and the people who operate them.

About 600,000 automotive en-

terprises have been established to serve motorists in cities, towns hamlets and along rural highways. They include gasoline stations, repair garages, trucking concerns and automobile dealerships.

Specially-trained individuals are in greatest demand throughout the automotive industry. Vocationally trained high school graduates, for example, are particularly needed today in automobile repair work. From the earliest days of the in-



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dusty, a good mechanic has always found a ready market for his services.

The high school graduate usually enters the automotive field as an apprentice, but he is entering a field that offers unlimited opportunities for advancement.

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Graduates Conduct Commencement Programs

Readers will note in stories on commencement exercises that the majority of the schools in the county have departed this year from the practice of having a speaker.

The seniors themselves, mainly the honor students, are making the speeches.

This is an attainment which H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of county schools, has hoped for ever since he became head of the county school system.

Featuring the seniors in their commencement program had been his practice at Morehead City school where he was principal for 25 years.

Mr. Joslyn has always believed that commencement is the day for the seniors and they themselves should be the principals in graduation exercises.

USES Office Aids Seniors In Selecting Occupations

High school seniors in the county may take advantages of testing facilities at the United States Employment Service office, Seventh and Evans street, in Morehead City that will aid them in deciding what vocation they wish to undertake. The facilities are offered free of charge to all seniors and others uncertain what occupation they desire to enter.

The office registers and receives applications from seniors who are entering the labor market for the first time. General aptitude battery tests to determine aptitude for 20 occupational patterns such as clerical, mechanical, and so forth are first given.

The placement and counseling service of the office which is especially developed for high school graduates is then put at their disposal to assist them. The office has attempted to give all of these tests before graduation and tries to develop job openings for the students.

Representatives from the office appeared at different schools in the county recently and showed a film, "Your Life's Work." This film illustrated various tests given and showed students some of the factors that could affect their choice.

Congressional Committee Reports on Library Bill

First educational measure of the 81st Congress to be reported out of committee is the public-library service demonstration bill, S. 1306. Hearings last year revealed that approximately 35 million persons in the United States were then without library service. In only 11 states and the District of Columbia were there as many as 85 percent of the people to whom public-library service was available. Rural areas are particularly in need of public-library facilities.

The bill calls for \$40,000-a-year grant for five years in each state with which to provide demonstrations of good public-library service to people now without it. If the state wishes to match funds for public-library services, the federal government would be authorized to grant up to \$100,000 a year for each state for five years.

Schools Don't Neglect 3 Rs, Official Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The three R's, instead of being neglected, are getting more attention than ever in the nation's schools.

So reports Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the National Education Association.

"The amount of time spent in today's school in the three R's is more than four times as great as it was a hundred years ago," Givens said in the association's annual report.

"The techniques of teaching the 'tool' subjects (reading, writing and arithmetic) are vastly improved. Students who can advance rapidly are given the opportunity to do so. Special difficulties hampering the advance of some students are diagnosed and eliminated through instruction adjusted to individual needs. The three R's are still the foundation of our school studies. Schools are teaching them better than they have ever been taught."

Children read more books, read more rapidly and read with greater understanding, Givens says.

In grandfather's time, one basic reader was often the only reading text. Not so now, says Givens, adding that it's now not unusual for a pupil in the better schools to read 25 or 30 books during his first year.

Givens also reported progress in the teaching of social studies, safety and conservation, international understanding, music and the visual arts, health and related subjects.

Elaborating on his formal report, Givens told a news conference that the schools are "doing a whale of a job," considering the shortage of space and teachers.

"We are not doing nearly as well as we would like to do," he said. "But we are sure we are doing a better job than we ever did before."

The census bureau reports that the nation's school enrollment topped 28 million, highest in history, at the start of the present school year.

Rutgers University Adds Department of Geography

Rutgers university will establish on July 1 a department of geography in its College of Arts and Sciences in recognition of the increasing importance of this subject to a well-rounded college education. It will be one of the new university departments in the northeast devoted to geography.

In addition to providing elective courses for students majoring in liberal arts, business administration and engineering, the division will offer a full program of study for those who plan careers in geography. It is reported that college-trained geographers are "now in increasing demand as their services are required in mounting degree by government and teaching."

The graduation classes of Carteret county schools increase year by year... during the past three years the group of graduates has been larger by approximately 10.

Seniors who will receive diplomas next month number 177, an increase of 10 over last year's graduates. In 1947 they totaled 158.

Forty-three and five-tenths per cent of those completing their high school careers in Carteret county intend to further their education at business schools, colleges, and beauticians' schools.

According to present plans, seven of the 13 seniors at Atlantic expect to continue their studies, as do seven of the 24 at Smyrna, three of the 10 at Harkers Island, 25 of the 41 graduates at Beaufort high, 13 of the 19 at Queen Street school, 18 of the 49 at Morehead City high, and four of the 21 at Newport.

Twelve girls intend to enter the nursing profession, five will go to beauticians' school, two boys intend to become doctors, two plan to enter the ministry, four law, three engineering, seven intend to teach, two are going to enroll in business administration courses at college, and two expect to launch careers in science.

One student is planning on entering the diplomatic service, one Christian education, another hotel management, another interior decorating, three plan to enter civil service, one journalism and another expects to make music a profession.

Five Newport graduates will work at Cherry Point Marine air base, if their present plans materialize.

One of the graduates at Atlantic high school is planning on a career in professional baseball.

Fourteen of the girl graduates plan to marry within six months after they receive their diplomas, while only one boy is contemplating matrimony that soon.

Four of the girls who will receive their diplomas are already married. Patsy Parker at Newport became Mrs. Willard Thorne on May 7. Anne Robinson at Atlantic married Milan Willis in December. Peggie Mason, of Atlantic, was married December a year ago and Joan McKnight of Morehead City became the wife of James Douglas Springle Thursday night, May 19.

Eight boys intend to become farmers, 11 fishermen, and four are planning on entering the armed forces.

Of the 177 students, only one is a veteran. He is Richard Arlen Lewis at Harkers Island. At Beaufort school, Miss Lena Duncan, senior class advisor, says the ratio of boys to girls in the senior class is back to normal for the first time since the war. There are 21 boys in the class and 20 girls. Last year there were 20 girls and five boys, and the year before 20 boys and five girls.

Beaufort's class of '49 has the distinction of being the only group with a set of twins, Billie and Bobbie Springle.

Commencement and graduation activities are late this year. Usually these events have been over by the first of June. The polio epidemic last summer has delayed commencement approximately two weeks.

Harvard to Conduct Special Six-Week Course

Harvard university will conduct a special six-week program of courses, beginning July 5, for teachers who have limited summer vacations.

The offerings will include courses in comparative, elementary, secondary, music, social science and science education; administration, psychology, philosophy of education, principles of teaching, measurement and experimentation, and guidance and student personnel work.

Citizen Courses Offered
The University of Wisconsin has introduced citizen seminars as part of an adult education program to help groups in their study of public affairs. The seminars consist of discussion courses on current public problems and are supplemented by a study kit of selected reading materials and a discussion guide. Various topics are available, each packaged in a library kit. These can be borrowed or purchased from the university's extension division.

Teaching Methods Change with Time

Teaching methods in the early elementary school varies with the individual teachers, though some features were common to all schools. Much emphasis was placed upon memory work. Considerable attention was given to writing, one of the chief qualifications of a teacher being his ability to make and mend goose quills.

The most important qualification of a teacher, however, was his ability to preserve order in the schoolroom. To this end he maintained a firm and severe discipline. A bunch of well-seasoned hickory switches was always handy for administering such punishment, though sometimes a ruler served the same purpose.

For minor offenses the culprit was made to sit on a dunce block or to wear a fool's cap or a pair of leather spectacles, as the whim of the teacher dictated. Not infrequently an irate teacher was known to twist a student's nose or box his ears, at the same time calling him "dunce," "blockhead" or "boobie."

Government Views Job Possibilities

Many of the jobs which interest young people will be rather difficult to find during the next several years. These include such jobs as airplane pilot, newspaper reporter, radio announcer and agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

But the outlook for other occupations — such as physician, teacher, librarian, stenographer and automobile mechanic — will be much brighter.

These conclusions are contained in a 54-page Occupational Outlook Handbook recently released by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing office. The manual, which took four years to prepare, was compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Veterans Administration. The book is believed to be one of the most extensive studies of its kind.

The handbook offers complete reports on 288 occupations, ranging from the professions to farming. It describes the jobs, prospects for employment, the training and qualifications required in various fields, earnings and working conditions.

The personnel field is "overcrowded at present," the report notes. The "long-run employment trend is slowly upward, but keen competition for entry jobs is likely to continue for several years."

The handbook points out, however, that good employment opportunities are available in the following fields:
Physicians — Opportunities are excellent for those who can win admission to medical school. The need for doctors is greatest in rural areas.

Teachers — The best opportunities are for kindergarten and elementary school teachers. The shortage of personnel at those levels is expected to continue for a longer period than the one prevailing at higher grade levels.

Librarians — Immediate employment opportunities are good for See GOVERNMENT Page six

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