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Pollocksville Pupils Find How Nutritious Milk is With Month Experiment With White Rats

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The nutrition experiment that started in the fifth grade of Alex H. White School at Pollocksville on November 8, came to an end on January 17, when the rats went to another school.

We made plans in advance for our experiment. We ordered the rats, mistakenly called white mice very often, from a laboratory in Virginia.

We ordered three so that we would have two even if one died. When they came there were four. We had prepared for them. Committees had selected names, made cages, and made charts on which to keep their records.

All of us had studied rat diets and decided what we wanted to find out. We finally decided to give all rats identical foods with the exception of milk.

Two rats, Herman and George, who were the smallest, got milk and water to drink. The others, Stubby and Weaky, got only water.

Mrs. Jo Anne Sugg, a former State nutritionist, came to talk to us about them. She also visited us when the rats came. She showed us how to handle them and care for them.

We were prepared with gloves, but we found that the rats were very gentle and tame. Mrs. Sugg let us use her scales during the experiment, as it weighs in grams.

Everyone wanted to help so we made charts so each one would know when his turn came. Everyone had a turn. The teacher, Miss Julia Whitty, did not have to remind even one person when it was his turn.

The rats were very small when we got them, and very pretty. They were white, with pink ears and red eyes. Their eyes looked like little buttons.

The smallest, George, weighed only 28 grams, or one ounce. The largest, Stubby, weighed 35 grams, or one and one-fourth ounces.

We kept careful records and

weighed them each week. Some weights are:

Date	Herm.	George	Weaky	Stubby
Nov. 8	31	28	33	35
Nov. 22	80	79	63	55
Dec. 15	160	165	58	60
Dec. 20	170	180	60	65

When school closed on Dec. 20 for the Christmas holidays we were all convinced that we should drink milk. Not only had Herman and George gained more weight, but they looked better. Their hair was smooth and shiny and looked thick.

Their eyes were bright and they were very lively. Weaky and Stubby had dull eyes and their hair looked rough and thin. We were afraid they were going to die.

But things changed for them on December 20. Weaky and Stubby went home with Ben Dillahunt for the Christmas holidays, and he and his family treated them fine.

For the first time in their lives they had milk and all they wanted.

Herman and George went home with Royce Morton and they fared well too. When we returned to school after Christmas their weights were:

Jan. 5	Herm.	George	Weaky	Stubby
	217	210	122	142

Weaky and Stubby had more than doubled their weight in two weeks. Herman and George have lost some weight since Jan. 4. We decided that they were too fat.

We talked it over and decided that we had had them long enough. We talked about keeping just one, but decided to let them go to another school if someone wanted them.

On Wednesday, January 17, they left us to go to Trenton. Miss Hildegrade Brock, who teaches fourth grade in Trenton, came for them. Mrs. S. A. Moore, who has a child in Miss Brock's room, brought Miss Brock and several fourth graders.

They showed the Trenton pupils how to care for the rats and how to handle them. The cages and food holders have to be cleaned twice a day, and the rats have to be carefully prepared for the cold nights.

We hated to see them go, but we

NCEA-NEA Meeting Held at Jones Central

An NCEA-NEA Area Conference was held at Jones Central High School, Tuesday, January 23, with the local unit as host. Jones, Craven, Onslow and Carteret counties with New Bern and Jacksonville City Schools comprise the district in meeting. Approximately 300 attended.

Superintendent of Schools W. B. Moore, welcomed the guests. Phoebe Emmons and Don Morrow of the State NCEA Headquarters led a panel discussion of the following topics: Professional Standards; NEA Service and Activities; Legislative Program; Evaluation of recent legislative gains.

The 65-member local unit is headed by L. D. Nance, Principal of Jones Central High School.

Land Transfers

During the past week Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reporting of the following land transfers:

From C. M. Eubank to Troy Yates .5 acres in White Oak Township.

From Lovie Sigman Weeks to Robert L. Mattocks 4 lots in White Oak Township.

From G. S. Pelletier to John Ralph Brock 4 lots in White Oak Township.

Another Honoree

Among the names included in the Honors List of East Carolina for the term just ended that were left off the college news release was that of Joseph Lee Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Noble of Trenton.

Comfort Barbecue

The Parent-Teacher Association of Comfort School will have a barbecue and dance Friday night in the school cafeteria. The barbecue will begin at 5 and last until 8, and the dance will begin at 8.

enjoyed working with them. We hope that the Trenton fourth grade will enjoy them as much as we did and learn as much as we did. White rats, we found, are very gentle, tame, clean and easy to work with. We hope the rats like their new home.

Clerk Whitaker Plans Retirement End of Term

This week Jones County Superior Clerk Murray Whitaker issued the following announcement, which speaks very clearly for itself. The complete statement follows here:

To My Friends And Supporters In Jones County:

Four years ago this spring, I had reached the decision not to seek re-election to the high office of Clerk of the Superior Court for Jones County, for the reason I wanted to retire to give my full time and attention to my farming interests; however, after consultation with my friends and my able and capable assistant, I changed my mind and offered myself as a candidate for re-election.

The voters of Jones County re-elected me without opposition, for which I was and am deeply grateful.

However, I concluded at that time that I would not seek re-election again. I have held this office since July 1945, when I was appointed by Judge Paul Fizzelle, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. George R. Hughes, then Clerk of the Superior Court.

Therefore, I hereby announce that I shall not be a candidate for re-nomination for Clerk of the Superior Court in the May Primary this year.

I sincerely regret certain recent events which occurred when this office, along with the office of Register of Deeds was robbed, but I am confident the Sheriff's office will eventually apprehend the guilty party or parties.

The County Accountant's office has not audited this office in recent years, so I welcome the audit now being conducted.

I wish to thank my many friends and loyal supporters, who have stood behind me all during the past 16 years, while I was serving in the capacity of Clerk of the Superior Court.

I have enjoyed the work and privilege and opportunity to serve the people of my beloved county, where I was born and have lived all of my life.

I shall continue to be interested in the moral, economic, and political life of the citizens of our county, and shall support the Democratic Party and its candidates, as I have since I became old enough to vote.

Signed: Murray W. Whitaker

Legion Conference

Miss Macy Mallard, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, and Jimmy Franck were among those who attended the Post and Unit Officer's Conference of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary in Winston-Salem during the weekend.

New Bern Dairy Has Two Cows With Outstanding Records

New official production records by registered Holstein cows in this area were highlighted today in a special report from The Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Shangri La Sovereign Marigold 3420523, a nine-year-old, produced 16,780 pounds milk and 639 pounds butterfat in 305 days. Shangri La Pride Jennie 3851929, a six-year-old, had 17,300 pounds milk and 677 pounds butterfat in 305 days. Both are owned by O. D. Dunn of New Bern.

In contrast, the annual production of the average U. S. dairy cow is generally estimated at approximately 7,000 pounds of milk containing 265 pounds of butterfat.

State College supervised the weighing and testing of the new Holstein records as part of the breed's official herd testing programs.

Two Jones Arrests

During the past week two arrests have been reported by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates. Henry C. Sutton of Dover route 2 was charged with violating the liquor laws and Henry C. Turner of New Bern was booked on a drunken driving charge.

Truck Driver Indicted For Embezzling Funds From Frosty Morn

Richard A. Johnson of Kinston route 3 was indicted over the weekend and charged with embezzlement of \$14,620 from Frosty Morn Packing Company over a period of many years.

The 38 year-old Lenoir County native had been a truck driver for the Kinston packing company since 1953. He resigned last Tuesday.

In a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning Johnson was bound over to the March term of Lenoir County Superior Court under \$7500 bond by Recorder Emmett Wooten. Johnson's mother posted the bond.

It's Not The Work; It's The Decisions That're Tough on Judges

Judge Emmet Wooten of Kinston Recorder's Court would be the first to admit that there are many more "back-breaking" jobs than his, but even a casual observer of the court is bound to recognize that "It's Not The Work; It's The Decisions That's Tough on Judges."

For instance:

Monday L. K. Jones was sitting patiently in the "bull pen," as the prisoner dock is not-so-affectionately called.

The business of the court had toddle along to that point where Solicitor Phil Crawford had used up the stack of official looking papers in front of him, but L. K. Jones had not been called forth to answer to whatever, if any charges there were against his 16 year-old name.

Judge Wooten asked Solicitor Crawford, "What about this young man?" Crawford, rifled through a docket book and warrants, before replying, "I don't see anything here."

"What's your name, Son?" Wooten inquired.

"L. K. Jones," was the quick reply.

"Oh, Yes, you're L. K.," the

judged recalled.

Crawford asked a policeman to check in the court office for any warrant there might be against 'L. K.'. A few seconds later a warrant was brought out, accusing the teen-aged negro boy of stealing a bicycle.

"What about this, L. K.?" the judge asked.

"Yessir, I asked this boy about riding his bicycle 'round the block", L. K. explained. Officer Elizabeth White explained that Jones had taken this bike for quite some time, and had not returned it to the same spot where he had "borrowed it." But White did corroborate that Jones had brought the bike back.

Judge Wooten addressed Solicitor Crawford, "You recall this boy. He was here Christmas and we had a psychological examination given him, since he obviously didn't understand the trouble he was in at that time."

Crawford did recall, "But wasn't he supposed to be sent to O'Berry Training School at Goldsboro?"

"I talked with the superintendent on the phone about this boy, and he said he had a waiting list of

more than 500 and couldn't make any promise about when, if ever he could take care of L.K.," Wooten reported.

Judge Wooten explained to a puzzled newsman, "This boy has no parents — doesn't even know who his mother is. Our information is that his mother 'gave him' to an elderly couple south of Kinston when he was an infant. Now he refuses to stay in the home of the old couple, although they have told us that he has a home as long as they have one.

"But the boy is not a criminal, just a kid mentally and hanging around town here he gets hungry, wants to ride bikes and I'm afraid he's going to get into some really serious trouble before long.

"I don't want to send him to prison. I can't get him in this school for mentally retarded children, and I hate to turn him out on the streets with no food, no money, no job and no place to sleep.

"What would you do?" Wooten asked.

The newsman, who generally has a quick answer for all the troubles that beset mortal man, suddenly

realized that there was NO happy solution to such a problem. His feeble response was, "For the time, he's certainly better off in Roy Phillips' jail than out on the streets, and maybe the welfare department can figure out some way to get him sent to the Goldsboro school."

The Overall Problem

This is not an isolated situation in the courts of North Carolina, and certainly not to welfare departments, but both the courts and the welfare departments lack the most fundamental tool needed in such cases.

That most fundamental tool is a home — an orphanage, a training school where such case can be sent today — not next year, nor five years from now.

Left to roam the streets with no vocational training, not enough intelligence to fend for himself legally the vast majority of such youths end up in prison. Unfortunately mental retardation and physiological retardation do not always go hand in hand. If anything these unfortunates generally seem to have a stronger sex urge than people who are normal men-

tally. Or perhaps, more accurately, they simply exercise less control of their emotional urges.

This leads to rape and rape attempts, which horrify the community and frequently send the mentally retarded person to an execution chamber. Less spectacular, but in the long run far more costly to society in general are the mentally retarded who have children — both the male and females in this category.

If they can be squeezed into the over-crowded state institutions that are provided for them such types can be sterilized with the approval of the State Eugenics Board. Too frequently this sterilization doesn't come until after several children have been born to people not capable of taking care of them, and the chain grows longer and longer.

A youth such as "L. K." has the mind of about a 10 year-old except perhaps in the biological area. He could be taught some simple task, since he is gentle natured, friendly and manfully. But where is the teacher?

The taxpayer frequently com-

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