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THE SCHOOLS ARE STARTING

Next Wednesday the children of this county will start back to school. They have been out for four months and a majority are ready to start back again. Many have been working during the hot summer months and going back to school will be a change that they all need.

The teachers too, are ready to begin work. When school stops, the teacher's salary stops and four months is a long time to go without a check. Then they just naturally like to be busy and teaching school is really a busy job.

We all know that the opening of school marks the end of summer and those who are in business here do not hate to see the long summer months come to an end.

Everything looks like our schools are in for a good year. Good teachers and principals have been secured and the school system is in good hands.

Although little is ever said about the members of the city and county school boards we do not hesitate to say that our two boards are among the best. All of the members are interested in school work and they are well qualified for their positions.

If you have boys and girls in school you are urged to get them ready for the first day and try to keep them in school every day in the year. Good attendance is one of the most important parts of a school pupil's life.

Let's support our teachers in all of their activities and do our part to have a good school year.

PUBLIC PLAYGROUND

There has been a little talk around Roxboro about trying to get a WPA grant for a playground in Roxboro. No public playground would be complete without a swimming pool and therefore the talk is about a playground and a pool.

Practically every city the size of Roxboro has a public playground for the younger set and it might even be said that Roxboro is a few steps behind. It's true that the Kiwanis Club has done about all that it could to get one started and this small ground is a credit to this club. The children have used the swings, slides, etc. and have enjoyed them, but this city needs a larger place and one with more equipment.

The city may do something about this project. It has not even been officially discussed, but it is thought by individuals that a part of the money could be obtained from the W. P. A.

DID THE RIGHT THING

Senator Robert R. Reynolds has said that he would support George W. Coan, W. P. A. administrator for the existing vacancy on the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and not Frank Hancock.

Senator Reynolds, after talking to Chairman John H. Fahey, sent a letter to President Roosevelt urging the appointment of Coan and saying that he would be glad to return to Washington to present Coan's qualifications personally if the President desired for him to do so.

Although Coan, a former mayor of Winston-Salem, is a resident of Hancock's Congressional district, the relations of the two men have been very, very far from close. In fact, Coan has always been regarded here as much closer to Senator Josiah W. Bailey than any other member of the North Carolina delegation.

There is nothing very strange

With Our Contemporaries

Durham Herald
"STUDY" COMMISSION
AND 12TH GRADE

We have no quarrel with the tentative findings of the governor's public school study commission in favor of the 12th grade proposal, previously recommended by Governor Hoey. The governor having proclaimed for the 12th grade in advance of his naming of the personnel of the study commission, it was to be expected that when the commission spoke it would speak of the 12th grade idea with approval. Moreover, nearly all of the school folk like the 12th grade idea and naturally school folk are in the majority on the governor's commission.

It is interesting to note, however, that at its recent meeting, when the commission heard what witnesses it has heard and announced its tentative attitude on the 12th grade question, the witnesses heard were school officials in systems where 12th grade obtains. Which may or may not be all right, but certainly doesn't indicate that the "study commission" has studied the question much or exercised much interest in trying to learn from unbiased witnesses. For it follows as naturally as night follows day that officials of a school system that maintains a 12th grade are going to stand up for it and advocate it on a state-wide basis. They couldn't do otherwise without openly admitting their own folly, and public officials do not do that when they can help it. That is a superintendent or principal who has sold his homefolk on the idea of putting up extra money for a 12th grade isn't going to turn around and admit that it isn't worth the price. He who tried such a stunt would be ousted promptly and ought to be.

However, it is probable that any contingent of witnesses the commission could have rounded up, competent to testify, would have given the 12th grade their approval and held it worth the price. So the only thing the commission did in its choice of witnesses is acknowledge its pro 12th grade attitude in advance of the hearing.

Anyhow, the way public education is geared up there isn't any easy way to escape emphasizing quantity over quality in public school policy. The setup calls for a 12th grade to qualify high school graduates for college and a nine month term is preferred by all and required by some colleges and universities.

Then there is the certainty that the ensuing legislature will be prodded to add something to the schools and the 12th grade can be added at less cost than the ninth month.

Practical observers recognize all that and accept the 12th grade motion as both good and expedient. At the same time many of them cling to the opinion that it is about time school folk shifted emphasis from quantity to quality.

As between the two, we are inclined to believe that quantity

of public education in North Carolina is more praise-worthy than the quality. Which is to say that we had rather have an 11th grade system operated eight months in accordance with the needs of pupils than a 12th grade system operated nine months just for the sake of a nine months 12 grade system.

Washington Star
TEACHING SAFETY

North Carolina officialdom and many interested citizens are doing a splendid work in calling attention to the appalling numbers of deaths due to automobile accidents. This movement, somewhat belated, is evidently having the desired effect of reducing the death toll from carelessness, almost entirely, and faulty equipment, occasionally, on the highways of the state.

Yet, this movement reminds of locking the stable after the horse is gone. It was not started early enough and it waits too long to catch the individual responsible for the accident. The groundwork for almost every accident that happens today, on the highways, in the home, on the playground, in the yard, was laid years ago during the youth of the person causing it. Events leading up to a given accident could have been diverted anywhere along the way from childhood upward.

Sunday an Associated Press item quoted Dr. Ernest E. Hadley, noted Washington psychiatrist, in an article in the new quarterly published by William Alanson White Foundation, and devoted to the problems of relations between people. He said that many of the antagonisms of today against government and authority come from childhood experiences. The child often has an intense hatred for people and authority because of parental methods of control, which carry through life for that child. It is a continuation of the claim that a child's life, can be shaped very definitely by the time he is twelve years of age. And it is in line with the more ancient doctrine: "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

It is never too late to begin with this early training. If the children of today are taught the rudiments of courtesy, consideration and respect for the rights of others, later in life they will save many lives from highway and other accidents, which the ounce of caution in youth will prevent.

The State of North Carolina has belatedly but definitely, placed on the supplemental list of books for use in the public schools with the first grade and carrying through the sixth grade, which deal in simple terms with the rudiments of safety in all walks of life. When the children who have studied these books reach maturity they will contribute much to safety and saving lives on the highways as well as in every other activity involving others. The fruits will be felt, and increasingly, in the later years of these children of today.



Farm News
about the AAA and other
EXTENSION WORK
From the
County
Agent

Miss Ruth Hester is preparing an eight acre permanent improved cow pasture for herself and the tenants on her farm, County Agent H. K. Sanders said yesterday.

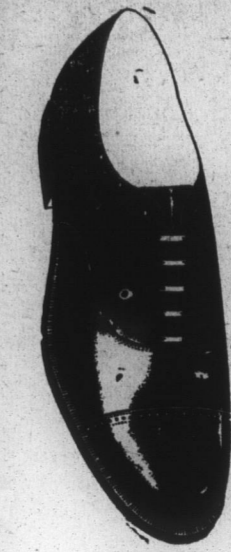
According to the county agent the land is being broken thoroughly and treated with a ton of limestone and a thousand pounds of 3-8-5 fertilizer per acre and 50 pounds of approved grass seed.

"This is a splendid venture and one that others might do well to follow," Mr. Sanders said in praising Miss Hester's project.



Uncle Jim Says
One of the agricultural engineers at State College helped my neighbor terrace his field this spring. During a recent heavy rain, a half-mile of the terrace caught and held about 18,500 gallons of water.

Shoes for Fall . . .



September is the time for the discreet young man to think seriously about his shoe wardrobe for Fall. Fall Styles Are New - Different.

Our Nunn Bush, Fortune, and Jar-men Fall models are here. See our window display and come to —

Burns, Gentry & Strum

THE STYLE CENTER

Schools Opening Wednesday

Bethel Opens Wednesday At 9

Bethel Hill school will open Wednesday at 9 o'clock, Principal Lewis S. Cannon announced this week.

Two changes in the faculty include Miss Louise Cates, E. C. T. C., who will teach the sixth grade and Mrs. Edgar Masten, graduate of Peabody, who will teach piano. Miss Katie Lee Johnson, who taught in the grades last year will teach art and public school music.

A number of the faculty members attended summer schools this summer. Misses Louise Stephens and Marie Woody were at Duke, Mrs. W. R. Hayes and Mrs. Thomas Glenn at Wake Forest and Mr. and Mrs. Cannon attended the University of North Carolina.

North Carolina farmers received \$9,710,780 for cooperation in the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

Hurdle Mills Opening Is Set

Curran Urges All Students To Attend First Day.

Hurdle Mills school opens Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock, Joe B. Curran, principal, urges all students to be present the opening day in order that all may get an even start for the year.

"We hope to rent a sufficient number of high school books the first day to get well started in all the classes," Mr. Curran said. "Of course, the books for grades one to seven are free."

The regular bus schedule will prevail, he said.

IMPROVED OUTLETS
Improved market outlets for American apples and pears are expected in Europe during the coming marketing season, according to reports of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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A DAZZLING HARVEST FIESTA ★ SEPT. 8
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CORONATION BALL
Parades Queens Review - Sept. 8
MAMMOTH FLOAT PARADE - SEPT. 9
Old Tobacco Plantation Tours

PAGEANT - MASQUE "SALUTE TO TOBACCO" PRESENTATION OF QUEEN Thursday, Sept. 8, 8:15 P. M. CORONATION OF QUEEN Friday, Sept. 9, 8:15 P. M. Boxes \$1.65 Reserved Seats \$1.10 Gen. Adm. 83c & 55c Tax Included HARVEST BALL, SEPT. 8 10:30 P. M.—Music and Floor Show by CROSSROADS SYMPHONY Tickets: 40c in Advance, 55c at Door. CORONATION BALL Friday Night, Sept. 9 HAL KEMP Orchestra and Floor Show Advance Sale Tickets, \$1.65 ea. Tickets at Door, \$2.20 Each.

Big City Freckles Champions



Eileen Eaton, 10, and Thomas Shannon, 11, are pictured after being chosen as the first-degree freckles champions of New York city at a city-wide contest sponsored by the Children's Aid society. Eileen is auburn-haired and brown-eyed and Thomas is blond and blue-eyed.

in this announcement. Frank Hancock would probably make an excellent member of this board, but it was certainly up to Reynolds to support a man who had supported him and not the man who had tried to get his Senate post.

Dare County To Be Scene Negro Education Meet

Special Showing Of Pageant For Negro Adult Education Day Is Scheduled.
Approximately 2,000 Negroes from all sections of North Carolina will gather at Manteo, Thursday, September 1 for the annual observance of Negro Adult Education day and witness a special showing of Dare county's "Lost Colony" pageant of the founders of the state.

D. Bradford Fearing, secretary of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Roanoke Island Memorial Association, will welcome the group to North Carolina's beach sector. Chief speaker of the day will be George W. Coan, Jr., administrator of the Works Progress Administration in North Carolina. With Governor Clyde R. Hoey unable to attend, R. Etheridge, director of conservation and development and a Dare county native, will bring a message from the state's official family.

William R. Johnson, consultant for Negro work with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, James A. Atkins' specialist in Negro education of the WPA division of education, Dr. J. H. Bias, president of the Elizabeth City State Normal school, and Dr. James E. Shepard of the N. C. College for Negroes will be in attendance for the program.

The Raleigh Deep River Chorus and the Community School Singers of Durham will sing Negro spirituals during the program before presentation of the pageant which has been called "America's Patriotic Oberammergau".

Plans have been made to care for approximately 700 Negroes at the Elizabeth City State Normal Thursday night following the "Lost Colony" showing when many are expected to return to Elizabeth City for the night before continuing to their homes the following day.

Orange County farmers are harvesting a heavy hay crop, the dry weather being highly favorable.

Nearly 1,700 pullets in Tyrrell county were vaccinated against chicken pox last month.

Twenty well-known sculptors of San Francisco's famous artist colony are fashioning statues and many other sculptured pieces for the 1939 World's Fair of the West on San Francisco Bay.