

1955 Good Year For Industry

Investment-wise as well as job-wise, 1955 was a better year for industrial development in North Carolina than was 1954, the Department of Conservation and Development announced today.

A comprehensive and year-long survey, preliminary in scope and subject to change with receipt of delayed reports, shows \$115,320,000 earmarked for investment in new plants and plant expansions in the State during 1955 as compared with \$112,901,000 in 1954. In all, there were 329 new plants and expansions announced in 1955 as compared with 271 in 1954.

Job-wise, the proposed investments, highlighted by the \$20 million plant of General Electric company in the Hickory-Newton area, will provide employment for an estimated 19,348 persons as compared with 17,200 in 1954.

Ex-Navy Men May Get Ratings

Certain ex-Naval personnel who have been discharged more than three months but less than one year may now be accepted for re-enlistment in ratings held at time

of discharge, according to an announcement by the Navy Recruiting station at Asheville.

Personnel in 58 different rates who were discharged from the Regular Navy or transferred to the Naval Reserve to complete their service obligation under the Universal Military Training Service Act, may be re-enlisted under the provisions of the new directive.

Former chief petty officers in the rating groups of sonar, radar, guided missileman, mineman, radioman, communication technician, draftsman, aviation fire control technician and aviation guided missileman are eligible for re-enlistment in their former ratings. Others in lower ratings may be re-enlisted in ratings as high as petty officer first class in their specialty.

A complete listing of rating specialties and pay grade equivalents are available at all Navy Recruiting stations.

—Despite expected lower hog prices in 1956, many North Carolina producers may still find hog production one of the best ways to market feed grains, according to a State College extension marketing specialist.

—Sales of Grade A milk produced by North Carolina dairymen for the period of January to August, 1955, were about 2 per cent above the same period in 1954.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROUND-UP

Copysists: Barbara Burke and Lloyd Moore.

George Washington.

Before the iron gates of the old mansion on the knoll at Mt. Vernon lay the tombs of George Washington and Martha, his wife. George Washington is called the "Father of His Country" and was the first president of the United States. He served two terms, and was one of the greatest presidents of all time. Washington was also a commander of the American armies, statesman, and patriot.

George Washington was born in 1732 and died December 14, 1799. His birthday is a legal holiday in all the states of the Union; and in 1932 nationwide celebrations were held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his birth. But George Washington's place among the great heroes of history does not depend upon memorials created by law. It rests upon the affection and appreciation of his countrymen.

—Douglas Owenby.

A Career For You.

What career are you going to choose? Are you going to be a doctor, lawyer, merchant, or an Indian chief? Maybe you haven't made up your mind yet. You had better hurry. Time has a habit of running out.

There are many careers to choose from. A few are: clerical, sales, services, professional workers, building trades, mechanical work, production jobs, transportation workers, agriculture, armed services, and civil service. Which of these careers will you choose?

—Bere Beha.

Third Grade—Mrs. White's class.

Mrs. White's third grade wishes to thank the grade mothers for the lovely Valentine party given to them on Valentine Day.

Fourth Grade—Mrs. Briggs' class.

Spring Is Here. When the Easter bunnies start running; And the beautiful bees start humming; That's cause spring is here.

When the hibernating animals get up from sleep, And the tadpoles are coming from way down deep; That's cause spring is here.

—Kathleen Nesbitt.

Fifth Grade—Mrs. Stewart's class.

Mrs. Stewart's class is making geography booklets of all the sections of the United States. She is going to judge the booklets Monday and give a prize to the best booklet in each section. Tuesday we had our Valentine party. Mrs. Kinser supplied us with cookies, and Mrs. Stewart gave each of us ice cream.

—Linda Beddingfield, reporter.

Mrs. Rice's Class.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, we had a very nice party. We had a nice time giving Valentines out. Everyone received very pretty Valentines. Mrs. Rice received pretty Valentines, too.

Mr. Gouge has told us that we would move to our new room. We are hoping that we will get to move next week.

We are studying in science about the forecast of weather. We hope that our weather gets pretty enough so when our gym period comes we can go outside and play.

One of our girls, Barbara Martin, moved to Morganton, we really miss her. This week we had a Weekly Reader test on maps.

We surely hope that everyone had a nice Valentine's Day as we had.

Doris Bartlett and Sharon Davis, reporters.

Mrs. Woolard's Class.

We are making insect booklets for Open House in March.

We are studying the United States and its outlying possessions in geography. We have already studied the Virgin Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, Philippine Islands. Now we are studying Canada. We are also, learning to recognize the flags of the United Nations.

We had a Valentine party the 14th of February. We had a P. T. A. meeting the 16th of February; there were six members present from our room.

Red Smith and Donald Blankenship, reporters.

Miss Gilbert's Class.

We are very excited about moving into our new room. All of us are hoping to get in the new room by the end of next week. Our new room is rose and turquoise, and our nice little cabinets for our extra books are rose-colored, too.

The grade mothers gave us a Valentine party on Tuesday afternoon, and we had a very nice time. The grade mothers were Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Guffey, and Mrs. Boone. Mrs. Blizard and Mrs. Ledbetter were the only ones who were able to come, but they all sent something.

This year in gym period the girls are taking basketball from Patty Byrd and Esther Fortune. The boys are taking from Mr. Gouge, and at times from some other boys.

June Boone and Sara Marcia Perley, reporters.

Mrs. Stubbs' Class.

The Art Department of the Black Mountain Woman's club gave us a very nice wood carving picture. We are indeed enjoying our wood-carving set very much.

As almost everyone knows Friday, Feb. 17, 1956 is World Day of Prayer. Our class had a special program on World Day of Prayer. The people taking part in the program were as follows: Scripture, Bobby Leonard; song, Kay Greene; comment, Martha Mitchell; prayer, Ronnie Morrow; poem, Barbara Bradley.

Valentine's Day was on Tuesday Feb. 14. We had a very nice party in which the grade mothers and Mrs. Stubbs took part. We had Pepsi-colas, cup cakes, and heart-shaped candy. We also had games. Some of the pupils gave out Valentines from our Valentine box.

Those who have not been absent or tardy this year are as follows: Wyman Kendall, Bobby Ledbetter, Ronnie Morrow, Gary Odom, Kathleen Phillips, Suzanne Reed, and Judy Reese. We all hope that they will keep their perfect attendance for the rest of the year.

Kay Greene and Barbara Bradley, reporters.

Sixth Grade—Mrs. Beddingfield's Class.

Several students in our class have written poems about the wandering tribes in Europe that we have been studying about in history. Here are two of them:

Vikings
The Vikings of old
Were men brave and bold.
Robbers and thieves were many of these,
But adventurers they were as they crossed the seas.
Under Eric the Red, a great leader he,
They sailed far out across the sea.

Across the sea they found a new land,
With vines of green so they called it "Vineland."
Then back across the sea they sailed.
The new land then was all un-hailed.
But later then another discovered,
And this land now is fully governed.

—Patty Rayfield.

A Viking Ship

I am a great big viking ship,
A viking ship am I.
I love to sail the ocean blue,
And watch the clouds go by.

I dash around among the waves,

But I am brave and unafraid.
Because I know a viking strong,
Will guide me carefully along.

We had a Valentine party given by these girls: Margaret Harris, Pam Schell, Margaret Rogers, Nancy Gregory, Ann Pressley, Linda Lee Surratt, Betty Ammons, and Barbara Ann Solesbee.

In studying the countries of Europe, we are also studying the lives and works of some of the great artists and musicians of Europe.

Judy Smith gave a report on Edward Grieg of Norway. Ann Pressley gave a report on Mozart of Austria and Frederic Chopin of Poland. We listened to the music of each composer.

We have studied also Breton, Millet, and Rosa Bonheur, artists of France.

Everyone enjoyed our geography lesson last Wednesday. Mrs. Heymann, who has lived in Holland and Germany, spoke to us on those countries. She told us many interesting things, including her childhood experiences there.

Barbara Solesbee, reporter.

Mrs. O'Connor's Class.

The following children have had perfect attendance this school year:

Barbara Riddle, Brenda Bartlett, Larry Ledbetter, Sammy Morrow, Ronnie Babb.

We are proud of our parents for attending P.T.A. so faithfully. They have helped us win the room count for the last three meetings. We also want to thank them for the lovely Valentine party they gave us.

We enjoyed a surprise party on February 6, given by Don Stubbs.

David Kent spent last week sunning on the coast of Florida.

January and February have been hard on our attendance due to colds and flu.

Our room visited the town library last Friday. We enjoy making oral book reports on these books.

We have played Mrs. Stubbs' and Mrs. Beddingfield's rooms in basketball during their physical education periods.

Barbara Riddle and David Kent, reporters.

Seventh Grade—Mrs. Carson's Class.

February 14 was Valentine day. Our room was given a party by the boys and Mrs. Carson. Each one had his fill of cake, candy, drinks, potato chips, and Pepsi-colas. Our party lasted from one o'clock to two o'clock. We think a gay time was had by all.

Marie Allison and Nana Beha, reporters.

Mrs. Sorrell's Class.

Our teacher has been encouraging us to utilize things about us which might otherwise be thrown away. Some of the discarded items and their uses are: oil cans, painted for waste baskets; and jars covered to serve as cookie jars or vases. Others have taken old irons that were used in our great grandmother's day and painted them. If you have only one, use it for a door stop; but if you have two, use them for book ends.

—Ann Ballard, reporter.

Miss Lindsey's Class.

Miss Lindsey's 7th grade gave a debate on Feb. 3. The subject for the debate was, Resolved that the Living in the Rural Areas Had Better Living conditions than those living in the cities and working in the factories.

The ones who debated on the affirmative side were Emese Soos and Brenda Lindsey. The ones who debated on the negative side were Cecilia Wyrick and Janice Higginbotham. The judges were Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mr. A. W. McDougle and Mr. E. V. Gouge.

The Woman's club is sponsoring a Safety Poster contest which was announced earlier this year. All rooms will participate. Our room is very busy working on it.

We had a Valentine party which we all enjoyed. The girls that served were Judy Raines and Cecilia Wyrick.

Miss Lindsey's students gave talks in their English work. Their discussion were about Habits Which Help Make Good Citizens. Here are some of their individual discussions:

Habits That Make Good Citizens.
Children who are taught good habits early make good citizens through their entire life. First,

there are many habits that a citizen must be able to co-operate with everyone. He must be able to make up his mind for himself and not just follow the crowd. He should know that the little things in life really count more than the big things. He should follow the rules and learn that they are made for him and not against him.

The most important thing in good health is cleanliness. Cleanliness of the body and mind both are essential. Plenty of sleep makes a person more alert and able to do his work better. A balanced diet does so much to help a person keep in good health. These rules are especially essential for good health is true happiness.

—By Cecilia Wyrick.

Habits That Make a Good Citizen.

There are many habits that make a good citizen, some of which are honesty, friendliness, kindness, good health and true happiness.

The first thing is honesty. Some of us are at times inclined to copy some one else's paper. Doing this can cause much embarrassment because the teacher might catch you and send a note to your mother and on brother, when you get home. A good citizen should always be clean in thought, word, and deed, and in that way he will gain the respect of others.

The second thing is friendliness.

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