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**A Chance To Talk**

North Carolina residents will have an opportunity to tell what they think about the State's educational system in a survey to be conducted by the State Educational Commission, which was set up by the Legislature to make a study of all phases of education in North Carolina.

According to the information we have at hand this commission has secured several outstanding educators to conduct this survey. The facts they find will be given to the public for digest.

One of the processes to be used by this commission in finding the facts about our school system will be a questionnaire published in various newspapers. Readers will be requested and urged to fill out these questionnaires, giving their views on the system, and in turn mailing them to the State Commission.

This plan, we believe, is good. We have had the opportunity of listening to a number of complaints about our school system and we believe many of these complaints carried opinions and suggestions that could well be incorporated into our State system. We hope that the readers of this newspaper will, when the questionnaire is published, fill it out and mail it to the proper address, which will be listed on the form.

It is our personal opinion that a number of things could be done which will place our State educational system on a higher plane, and move the State's rating higher in the national standing. One of the chief complaints that we have heard regarding our local system is that a student is not prepared for entrance into college after graduating from our high school. Certainly, if this is true, then the system should be corrected to the point that any student graduating from any high school in North Carolina has received the required training which would permit entrance into any recognized college or university, without further study or preparation at a prep school or junior college.

We believe that the State system should be corrected to such a point that eligibility for diplomas from any high school automatically gives a student sufficient training and knowledge to enter or be eligible to enter any college.

Another opinion of ours is that North Carolina's Educational Commission should look into the matter of school buses and school bus drivers thoroughly. Lacking facts and figures, we believe, however, that our State could and can save money for use otherwise by farming out the transportation of school children to and from school buildings, and at the same time provide adult school bus drivers which, in our opinion, would be a step toward additional safety. Under this system each county board of education could ask for bids for school buses and drivers, each person accepting a contract providing his own bus and accepting liability for children transported.

We believe greater emphasis should be placed on school attendance and also greater emphasis on the school program in the elementary and high school grades. Our colleges compare favorably with any in the nation, even surpassing many. We should strive to place our grammar and high schools on the same level.

**Mortgages Decrease**

In 1945, three out of every ten farms in the United States were under mortgage, or, to be exact, 1,711,665 farms, representing 29.2 per cent of the total number of farms in the nation, were under mortgage.

The situation is much improved over 1940, when 38.8 per cent of all farms were mortgaged. During the five-year period there was a reduction of some 650,000 in the number of mortgaged farms.

Figures for 1930 and 1935 show 40.1 per cent and 39.2 per cent, respectively of the farms of the country were mortgaged. No figures are available for comparison prior to 1925.

There was a drop in the number of farms mortgaged in the five-year period ending 1935, but much of it represented action taken after the fault and foreclosure. The drop in the debt eliminating in that period, other than the production was a token of financial distress, but

the drop in the percentage of mortgaged farms in the period ended 1945 represents the effect of an improved net income for farmers generally.

On a state basis, West Virginia, with 12.7 per cent, had the lowest proportion of mortgaged farms in the nation, while Massachusetts, with 46.3 per cent, had the highest ratio.

**Feeding The Enemy**

Not many people in the United States understand the extent of the assistance which this country is furnishing the other peoples of the world, including those of former enemy states.

Recently speaking in Bari, Italy, our Ambassador, James C. Dunn, told the Italians that the two-per-day ships of the last five months brought to Italy 2,200,000 tons of coal, 550,000 tons of grain and \$320,000 worth of medical supplies.

We think that the people of this country should have accurate information as to the extent of assistance already furnished the various countries of Europe. It might be a good idea to know, for example, what supplies have been shipped to Great Britain, France and other countries, as well as to Italy.

**CHAPANOKE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott and Mrs. Clarence Byrum spent Wednesday morning in Elizabeth City.

Bobby Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, had his tonsils removed Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewer spent Sunday in Greenville, N. C.

Mrs. Irma Dorsey is nursing in Elizabeth City this week.

Crawford Wilson, USN, Weeksville, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brewer left Saturday for Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer will make their home at Tallahassee, where he has accepted a position at Florida State University.

**New Coastal Map Issued By Bureau**

A new and colorful map and guide to coastal North Carolina has just been released by the North Carolina State News Bureau and will be sent to vacationists planning trips into this area.

Lithographed in seven colors, the guide on one side has both pictorial and road maps of the maritime region of the State. On the other side are nine mileage tours which cover the more prominent routes into and through the section, with accommodations, recreation facilities and points of interest located and defined. For waterborne travelers, a special insert—tour 10 on the Inland Waterway—has been prepared. This will be sent to boat owners contemplating a trip through the waterway and navigable rivers of North Carolina.

Copies of the map may be had by writing the Division of Advertising and News, Raleigh, N. C. Increased maps for framing may be had upon application.

A companion piece, "A Vacationist's Map and Guide to Western North Carolina," was printed by the Division last summer. It is currently being revised, and a new edition will appear this season.

**1947 Was Good Year For Swine Breeding**

The North Carolina Swine Breeders' Association conducted 16 purebred hog sales during 1947 and sold 354 hogs for \$36,287, according to Jack Kelley, Extension swine specialist at State College.

Mr. Kelley stated that this was quite an increase over the 1946 sales when 136 hogs were sold for \$13,174.

The highest average received for purebred hogs during 1947 was obtained by breeders from Forsyth County when they consigned 11 hogs to the national sale at Centerville, Indiana, the specialist said. These hogs sold for \$2,372, or an average of \$215.63 per head.

Plans for next year's sales have already been made, Mr. Kelley said, and the list of sales include the following: Berkshire Sale, Southern States Fair Ground at Charlotte, January 29; Duroc Sale, Worsley's Livestock Market at Rocky Mount, February 16; All Breed Sale, Benthal's Livestock Market, Rich Square, February 25, and All Breed Sale, Sawyer's Livestock Market, Elizabeth City, February 26.

Not only is the association planning these sales, Mr. Kelley said, but they have set up the following four point program to be carried out this year: Improve purebred hogs by production testing; use pasture to prevent worms and diseases; consign only outstanding hogs to purebred sales, and take part in county and district fat barrow shows.

**Experiment Station Releases Bulletin**

"Biology and Control of the Pickleworm" is the title of a technical bulletin just published by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. E. B. Fulton, professor of entomology at the Station and author of the bulletin, says that there are other pests which limit the production of the cucurbit crops. But none ap-

pear as regularly year after year as the pickleworm. The pest has an unusual ability to spread northward each year, though it kills out during the winter. It also increases in numbers at a very rapid rate during hot weather.

The first larvae of the pest usually appear from July 6 to 13 in the Raleigh area, the author states. But in the west and north, it's usually a little later. Cryolite dust has proved to be the best insecticide of the many materials which have been tested. Dusting should start immediately after the first pickleworms are found. A weekly dusting is satisfactory, but a shorter interval gives better control, especially in rainy weather.

If the crops are picked just before dusting, Dr. Fulton finds that the residue is not serious, except perhaps on small cucumbers. The residue is easily removed by rain or by washing. Early crops usually escape injury. Fall crops may escape for a time if no early crops are produced nearby.

Copies of the bulletin, which is entitled "Biology and Control of the Pickleworm," are available to the public free on request. Write to the Agricultural Editor at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, and ask for a copy of Technical Bulletin No. 85.

**Health and Beauty**

By Dr. Sophia Brunson

**How To Reduce Safely**  
 Food is the fuel of the body. Your food is not so important as you think when it is resting, but your body does. When lying at perfect rest sleeping soundly the body is using fuel which was taken in as food. It uses much more when exercising.

The foods that store fat in the body are mostly the starches, such as bread, cereals, rice, hominy, potatoes, pastry, cakes, pies and fats of all kinds, cream, butter and fat meats. "Then," queries my overweight friend, "must I leave all those things out of my diet in order to lose weight?"

By no means. That has been tried to the detriment of the health of the victims. Of course, the fatmaking foods should be partaken of more sparingly. Many fat people eat too much starch. In fact, they eat too much of everything.

In order to reduce without causing hunger, weakness, or discomfort, the person should never try to reduce too rapidly. The vegetables such as cabbage, turnips, kale and greens of all kinds, contain valuable vitamins and are laxative. They can be eaten freely, for they do not produce fat. Half a head of lettuce at dinner is quite filling. A combination of raw fruits and vegetables is extremely wholesome and very satisfying. Lemon juice is preferred by some as a dressing.

Liquids are held by the body in the fatty tissues and salt greatly aids in this retention. For this reason it is well to reduce the intake of salt and water. No matter how much you exercise, you will not reduce your weight if you continue to overeat.

It is extremely important that overweight people eat more moderately and cut down considerably on starches. Most obese people like fattening foods of all kinds, such as breads, cereals and desserts. Too many starchy foods, as a rule, are served at meals.

Meat, bread, or potatoes, one or two fresh vegetables, and a raw salad, and if desired a simple dessert, is quite enough for a dinner. In fact, one could get along on less, especially if trying to reduce.

If there is a feeling of hunger in the middle of the morning or afternoon, try eating some fruit. If often proves very satisfying. A glass of tomato, orange, or grape fruit juice is strengthening and filling.

If you want to get rid of the disfiguring protrusion in front that is such a source of annoyance to you, you may do so safely and comfortably by eating sanely.

**Agricultural Workers Will Meet In Capital**

The theme of the 45th annual convention of the Association of Agricultural Workers, which convenes in Washington, D. C., February 12, will be "Adjusting Southern Agriculture to Increase the Farm Income."

Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, and director of publicity for the convention, states that a large number of agricultural leaders from North Carolina are scheduled to take part on the program during the three-day gathering which closes on February 14.

A general business meeting is scheduled for the evening of February 13, Mr. Jeter stated, at which time tokens of appreciation for many years of faithful and distinguished service in Southern agriculture will be awarded to outstanding agricultural leaders. Presentation of the awards will be made by W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture. Officers and members of the executive committee for 1948-49 will also be elected during this meeting, he said.

The first general session of the convention gets under way on Thursday morning, February 12, when agricultural economists and rural sociologists hold a joint session with marketing specialists. The main feature of the afternoon session of this year will be a search under-

standing Act of 1948. Dr. M. A. Abrahamson, professor of marketing at State College, is scheduled to take part in the panel. Other meetings scheduled for Thursday include the agricultural editor's section, agricultural engineers, agronomy and animal husbandry.

Many of the South's top-ranking agricultural leaders will attend this year's convention, Mr. Jeter said, and virtually every phase of agriculture affecting the economy of rural people will be discussed, he added.

**ON SICK LIST**  
 Little Patricia Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Banks of New Hope, has been on the sick list, but is much improved.

**SOCIETY MEETS**  
 The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New Hope Methodist Church met with Mrs. Elmer Banks Thursday, February 5th.

**ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB**  
 Mrs. V. N. Darden entertained her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home on Front Street. Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames R. M. Riddick, W. G. Wright, B. G. Koonce, Herman Winslow, J. O. Felton, T. B. Sumner and Miss Kate Blanchard. The high score prize went to Mrs. Sumner and low was awarded Mrs. Wright. A salad course was served.

**ROOK PARTY**  
 Mrs. L. S. White and Mrs. Thomas Tilley were joint hostesses at a rook party last Thursday night, given at the home of Mrs. White. Those playing were Mesdames Martin Towe, Jimmy Stallings, Jim Bass, Clifton Haskett, J. T. Lane, Charlie Elliott, Willie Ainsley, Clinton Eley, Al Ken-

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son, Edgar Fields, Tom Cox, Josiah Elliott, Edward Barber, Kelly White and the hostesses. The high score prize went to Mrs. Towe. Low and second high went to Mrs. Stallings. A salad course was served.

**HOSTESS AT LUNCHEON**  
 Mrs. R. T. White was a delightful hostess at a luncheon last Wednesday at noon, given at the Hotel Hertford. The table was beautifully arranged with white linen cloth, beautiful cut flowers and lighted candles. Those attending were Mesdames J. R. Jarvis, C. T. Skinner, W. H. Pitt,

W. H. Hardscastle, R. M. Riddick, R. A. White, T. S. White, Sr., Arthur White, R. L. Knowles, W. H. Lynch, D. L. Fouts, Simon Ruben, Harry Hollowell, Archie Lane, J. J. Fleetwood, Henry Stokes, Charles Wheelbee, M. M. Fowler, B. G. Koonce, W. G. Wright, Hettie Patrick, Nathan Relfe, D. F. Reed, C. O. Fowler, L. C. Winslow and Miss Kate Blanchard.

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