

Public Favors Small Teaching Load In Primary Grades

The citizens of the State, as well as the teachers in the State's schools, believe the teaching load should be reduced to 30 pupils or fewer, their responses to State Education Commission questionnaires reveal.

Out of a total of nearly 7,500 answers from citizens concerning the size of classes in the primary grades, 66% said that 25 to 29, and 27% said that 30 to 34 pupils constitute a reasonable teaching load. Of 472 principals who replied to this question 87% were of the opinion that 25 to 29 pupils are enough to assign to a primary grade. Of more than 3,500 primary teachers who answered this question, 1,366 said the load should be between 25 and 29 pupils, and 1,093 placed it from 29 to 31 pupils.

When asked what the most desirable teaching load for the grammar grades should be, 41% of nearly 7,000 citizens said 25 to 29 pupils, while 45% thought good teaching could be done with 30 to 34 pupils in a class. Of the principals who gave their opinions, 47% listed 25 to 29 pupils for the grammar grades, while 48% stated that 30 to 34 pupils were not too many to assign to a teacher. More than 3,500 grammar teachers were questioned. Of these 69% said they could do their most effective work if no more than 31 pupils were placed in their charge. The others believed their best work can be done with from 25 to 29 pupils.

For the high school, 47% of nearly 6,500 citizens stated that from 25 to 29 pupils are enough to assign to a teacher, while 31% were of the opinion that 30 to 34 do not constitute too heavy a load. Nearly 400 high school principals answered this question and 49% of them stated that the most effective high school teaching could be done with from 25 to 29 pupils per class, while 33% thought that 30 to 34 pupils could be taught effectively.

The reports indicated wide variation of grade levels. For example, 44 primary teachers reported fewer than 20 pupils each enrolled; 1,182 reported from 20 to 31 pupils, 816 from 40 to 49 pupils, and 219 from 50 to 60 pupils. Of nearly 4,000 grammar grade teachers reporting, 64 had fewer than 20 pupils; 967 had from 29 to 31 enrolled; 1,016 taught from 40 to 49 pupils, and 195 said there were from 50 to 60 pupils in their rooms.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

- Who won the Indianapolis speedway classic this year?
- Who won it in 1947?
- What movie starlet did the winner spurn at the finish this year? Who met last year's winner with a Hollywood reward?
- When is the Louis-Wolcott bout?

The Answers

- Mauri Rose.
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- Barbara Britton. Carol Landis.
- June 23rd.

Play Safe In Water, County Agent Urges

"Safety precautions in swimming or boating may save a life—and that life may be your own. Remember, always play safe in water." This common-sense advice is suggested by County Agent I. C. Yagel of the State College Extension Service.

With the opening of the water sports season, the National Safety Council makes some positive recommendations based on research and study into the water safety problem. Swimming is fine exercise for those in proper physical condition, but if you are not feeling well, stay out of the water, especially deep water. Also, take it easy at the beginning of the season until you are in good condition.

Wait for a time following meals before entering the water and do not swim if overheated. Take sufficient time to cool off before going in the water even though the temptation may be great. It is advisable to swim only with a good swimmer or life-guard.

Avoid exerting beyond your strength and never dive into strange water where the depth and condition of the bottom are unknown. If possible, take a few lessons in life saving—it may prove to be a great advantage some day.

Mr. Yagel pointed out that one does not need to be a "landlubber" with a canoe, rowboat or outboard motor. Needless tragedies can be avoided by using good judgment. The National Safety Council recommends the following safety precautions.

Never overload your boat. There may be seats for more people than the boat should carry.

Know and heed weather signs and avoid staying out in storms.

Always step into the center of a boat—never jump, and never stand up in a moving boat.

Never smoke while fueling.

Make sure your motor is not too powerful for the boat.

In case of capsizing, stay alongside the boat and hang on to the side, but don't try to climb in. A boat with air tanks will stay afloat indefinitely and will support several persons. Relax, be calm, signal for help and wait for it to arrive.

Former Local Man Assumes New Duties

Fred W. Morrill, former Hertford resident and husband of Mrs. Mildred Nachman Morrill, has assumed his duties in the Safety Section of the Engineering Department of the Panama Canal, according to an announcement received here this week.

Mr. Morrill has spent a number of years in government service in connection with safety and sanitary engineering work. He was stationed in Alaska, Japan and Korea prior to being assigned to the Canal Zone.

In addition to his safety work, Mr. Morrill will also edit the Safety Zone, monthly publication of the engineering section.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill and their daughter are now living in Panama.

GREAT HOPE GA'S MEET

The GA's and BA's of the Great Hope Baptist Church met Monday, June 14, with Marshall Mansfield. After the Scripture reading the group sang "We've a Story to Tell the Nations." During the business session it was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Carl and Edgar Dail.

A short program on Missions was presented by C. T. Mansfield, Edgar Dail, Carlis Roberson, Marshall Mansfield and Marjorie Perry.

DID KEY WRITE THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT FORT McHENRY?

New evidence reveals that Francis Scott Key may have modeled the Star-Spangled Banner after an earlier poem! Be sure to read "Key's First Star-Spangled Banner"—an absorbing story about our national anthem—in the July 4th issue of

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