

## NCEA LEADER DISCUSSES CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHERS AT WINSTON-SALEM MEET

Warning that the answer to the problem of teacher supply will not be found in "easy panaceas" by lowering certification requirements, A. B. Gibson, Legislative Chairman of the NCEA and former NCEA President, urged that a "careful and thoughtful study" of elementary certification be made.

"More and better instruction is what we need—not less—and by teachers whose training is matched by their inspiration and experience," Gibson said in an address before the Northwestern NCEA District Convention held Friday, November 21, in Winston-Salem.

He discussed the possibility of making elementary and primary teachers out of high school teacher prospects, who are currently more numerous than those preparing to teach the lower grades. He pointed to the difference in temperament, interest, and specific abilities between those who prefer to teach small children and those who prefer high school work.

In an analysis of the certification requirements for elementary teachers he listed eighteen hours of professional study: Six hours study of the child, his nature and development; six hours study of the school, its history, organization and purpose; six hours study of teaching including classroom management, methods, and practice.

"Who but the most foolhardy would want to enter upon a teaching career with less professional training; who would wish to entrust his child to a teacher with less training?" he asked, adding that the academic requirements of elementary teachers are "for the most part essential elements of a liberal education."

Gibson outlined the legislative program as advanced by the NCEA and listed as the most serious threat to public education the shortage of qualified teachers, a shortage which, he said, has reached beyond the critical and entered the perilous stage.

"We can be certain that when all available teachers are employed and the element of selection has been reduced to the minimum, there are thousands of children in North Carolina who have poor teachers," he said.

"The NCEA and the United Forces for Education feel that a salary schedule of \$2600-\$4,100 for a Certified teacher, with comparable advances for other personnel, may well be a part of the answer, though not the whole answer," the speaker continued.

## Pitt Selected On All Conference Team

Howard Pitt, stellar end on the Duke University football team during the past season, was selected as a member of the Southern Conference All-Star team, according to announcements made on Wednesday of last week.

Of 190 votes cast Pitt received 142 votes for the position as end on the All Conference team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt of Hertford, and a former star athlete at Perquimans High School.

### OUTBUILDING BURNS

An outbuilding on the farm of Ed Lee Jennings, of near Woodville, burned to the ground last Thursday afternoon. Cause of the fire, which destroyed the building and its contents, was not learned. Firemen from Elizabeth City answered a call to fight the flames.

### MASSES SUNDAY AND FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday, December 7, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at Palace Theatre, Windsor, at 8:30 A. M. and in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, at 11 A. M., each including sermon on "The Angelus Bell," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, stated Father F. J. McCourt, Pastor, who invites everybody to all services.

Monday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast of the Church in U. S. A., a holiday of obligation, holy masses in Edenton church at 7 and 11 A. M., each including sermon on "The Immaculate Conception," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary in Honor of the Mother of God.

Other week-days, including first Friday, December 5, and first Saturday, December 6, mass in Edenton at 7 A. M., followed by Rosary for Peace.

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## Vets Question Box

Q—I've just been discharged from service, and I plan to apply for Korean term insurance sometime within 120 days of my discharge. Is an application sufficient, or must I also pay a monthly premium?

A—An application alone would not be sufficient. You must also pay the required first premium before the 120-day deadline.

Q—Is there any priority system for entering a VA hospital?

A—Yes. Veterans who need treatment for service-connected disabilities have priority over those who require hospitalization for non-service-connected disabilities. Veterans in the latter category, if not emergency cases, must wait for a bed to become available and must swear that they are unable to afford private treatment elsewhere.

## N. C. Motor Vehicle Deaths Are Double National Average

Statistically speaking almost eight persons were killed per 100 million miles of vehicular travel in North Carolina during the first nine months of the year.

This means simply that for every 100 million miles of travel amassed by the state's more than 1,200,000 registered vehicles, nearly eight persons died as the results of an auto accident.

The exact figure, reported by the National Safety Council gave North Carolina a 7.8, considerably better than South Carolina's 12.5 and slightly worse than Virginia's 7.3.

Traffic fatalities over the nation were up 2 per cent as the third quarter closed. North Carolina's per cent increase over 1951 was exactly double that of the national average—4 per cent.

The nation suffered 37,300 motor vehicle deaths last year and North Carolina had 1,071.

## Flock Owners Advised To Cull Mongrel Birds

The farmer who keeps a farm flock can greatly increase his labor income per bird by getting rid of his "mongrel" birds, feeding a balanced diet and practicing careful management, according to R. S. Dearstyne

head of the poultry department at N. C. State College.

Noting that it is a universal practice to keep a flock of chickens on every farm, Dearstyne asserts that many of these flocks are made up of mongrel birds—the product of cross-breeding and inbreeding for several years. Such breeding is not conducive

to high performance and high quality eggs. Too often the diet of the birds consists of table scraps and grain plus what the birds can pick up in the range, which also is not conducive to a high rate of lay. Housing in many cases, is indifferent.

Dearstyne points out that eggs from these farm flocks often find

their way to market during the spring of the year when most chickens are laying, and that the farm flock owner, as well as the commercial poultryman, will do well to produce the best eggs possible.

Mongrel birds should be replaced by purebreds, or by carefully bred crosses, which would be held for only

one year. Many farm flock owners like to reproduce their own flocks in order to have a constant supply of young chickens available. "This is understandable," Dearstyne says, "but it should be realized that the chicks hatched are a reflection of their parents. Good parent stock is necessary if the chicks are to live and put on flesh economically."

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