

62 Teachers Employed To Give Special Instruction To 7,302 Handicapped Children

One hundred and sixty-two teachers were employed during 1953-54 to instruct 7,302 children with mental and physical handicaps, according to a report on the Education of Exceptional Children recently issued by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This program of Special Education, as it is called, has more than doubled since 1949-50 when 54 teachers were employed to give special instruction to 2,161 pupils. The foundation for this program was laid when the General Assembly of 1947 provided for the establishment of a Division of Special Education in the State Department of Public Instruction "for the promotion, operation, and supervision of special courses of instruction for handicapped, crippled, and other classes of individuals requiring special types of instruction." During the first school year following its actual beginning on October 1, 1948, the division gave its attention to the education of 182 children who were convalescing from poliomyelitis in four hospitals of the State—Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Monroe. Eleven teachers were allotted to these hospital centers. The General Assembly of 1949 authorized the State Board of Education "to provide from funds available for public schools for a program of special education" in accordance with the 1947 act under such rules as the Board might prescribe.

Definition
"Special Education" refers to those special instructional services provided for children who deviate from the normal, either physically or mentally, to the extent that they require different or additional services than those required for normal classroom children. In this program such children have been classified as the physically handicapped and the mentally retarded. The physically handicapped include the following: (1) crippled, and those with (2) speech defects, (3) vision defects, and (4) hearing defects.

This group also includes those with health problems resulting from cardiac conditions, epilepsy, and other diseases.

Provisions Made
The following provisions are now being made in the program of Special Education:

1. Special classes or centers for severely crippled children, with the children being transported in specially equipped station wagons, small buses and taxis to specially equipped ground-level classrooms.
2. Instruction of children confined to their homes because of physical handicaps and long periods of convalescence. School-to-home electrical devices in connection with a visiting teacher for the home-bound.
3. Instruction for children in hospitals, convalescent centers, and sanatoria.
4. Services of itinerant teachers of speech correction who serve an entire city or county administrative unit, working with children who stutter, have delayed speech, or other articulation problems.
5. Classes or services for visually handicapped children whose vision is too poor to read regular textbooks and who need bold or clear type books as well as other aids.
6. Classes for mentally retarded children, organized on a divided program basis with children spending part of the time in a regular classroom and the remainder of the day in a special class in which the curriculum is planned and adjusted to meet the needs of each individual child.

Some of the facts revealed are the following:

There is a gradual expansion of

the program as indicated by increasing numbers of children served.

The great majority of these children are either in the area of defective speech or mentally retarded—a total of 7,584 in 1953-54, or 97.2 per cent of all handicapped children served that year.

The number of children in the defective speech area increased considerably, by nearly 2,000, in 1953-54 over the preceding year of 1952-53, whereas the number in the mentally retarded area remained approximately the same during these two years.

The number of crippled children served by this program decreased from 347 in 1951-52 to 142 in 1953-54.

Not so many children in the defective vision and hearing areas—in 1953-54 there were 58 with vision handicaps and only 18 with hearing difficulties aided by special services under this program.

In all these areas 162 teachers were employed in 1953-54, 121 of the number being allotted and paid by the State and 41 paid from local funds.

Of the 4,478 with defective speech handicaps, 445 were also mentally retarded, 66 were crippled, 76 had handicaps of vision, and 227 had hearing difficulties. In other words, the problems of special education for these particular children are multiplied where the children have multiple handicaps.

As will be observed the program has not reached all administrative school units—only 32 counties and 28 cities. As to race, the total number of children served was 74.3 per cent white and 25.7 per cent Negro. County units furnished per cent of these children, whereas 58.6 per cent were from city units.

Banks Named Panel Member For School

C. C. Banks, Perquimans County Veterans Service Officer, of Hertford, is scheduled to participate, as a member of a panel, at the Statewide Veterans Service Officers' School, sponsored by the North Carolina Veterans Commission, to be held in Winston-Salem May 23-24, 1955.

This Statewide Veterans Service Officers' School is expected to be one of the best and largest of its kind ever held in North Carolina. It was announced recently by J. M. Caldwell, Director, North Carolina Veterans Commission.

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1952 Plymouth
4-DOOR SEDAN

1952 Dodge
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1951 Ford
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1951 Chevrolet
4-DOOR SEDAN

1950 Mercury
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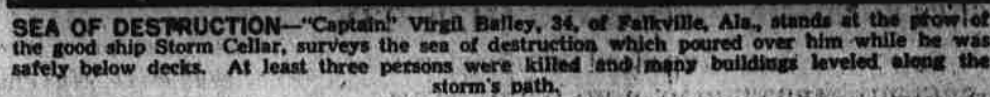
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May Anniversary For Series E Bonds

The U. S. Treasury Savings Bonds Division is celebrating the 14th anniversary of the Series E Savings Bond. On May 1, 1941, the Savings Bond Program was expanded with the inauguration of the Payroll Savings Plan on a nation-wide scale. The monthly Sales Report for April, which was released today by Mr. R. M. Riddick, Chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Program for Perquimans County, shows that Savings Bonds continue to grow in popularity which is reflected in sales increase.

Chananoke News

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burgess of Old Trap were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ownley on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Gregory and Mrs. O. L. Byrum of Elizabeth City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy spent Monday and Tuesday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson White of Norfolk, Va., visited friends here Sunday.

The M.Y.F. entertained Mrs. Keel and her family with a weiner roast at church last week and presented her with a gift. They are leaving soon.

Winfall News

Miss Hattie Nowell of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Nowell, Sr.

Mrs. Selby Stokes and children, Michael and Ruth Nowell of Raleigh spent the week-end with Mrs. Nowell. Mrs. R. M. Menden and daughter, Frances of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cummings and Linda of

Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Twine of Norfolk, Va., also visited Mrs. Nowell, Sr., Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Lane's condition is some better.

Mrs. W. L. Humphlett is very ill at the home of her son, W. L. Humphlett.

T. H. White spent Monday at Nags Head.

Sgt. E. J. Roberson has returned home from Fort Bragg after finishing his time in service on May 14th. Sgt. and Mrs. Roberson are at the home of Mrs. Roberson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lane.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

BELVIDERE NEWS

The Harold White family plan to attend graduation exercises at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., May 22-24, where he will receive his Doctor of Theology Degree Tuesday at the noon Commencement exercises.

Mrs. Charlie Chappell returned from the Albemarle Hospital Monday after a ten day stay there after undergoing an appendectomy operation.

Sunday visitors with the N. W. Chappell family included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Symons, Mrs. Hilton White and daughter, Diane; Mr. and Mrs. Pallen Lane of Hertford, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Layden of Ryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland and

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These children, including Sunday services at the Sanbury Baptist Church and were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price.

4-H Church Sunday was observed at Piney Woods Church Sunday morning under the leadership of Mrs. Louis Winslow. An inspiring program was presented by twelve young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ward had as dinner guests Wednesday, Mrs. Stella Fowler and Mrs. Evelyn Wheelbee of Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Winslow spent a part of last week in Norfolk with the R. M. White family and friends. Mrs. Linwood Winslow and Miss Mattie Saunders entertained the Up-River and Piney Woods Missionary Societies in a joint meeting Saturday at their home, Shady Croft.

Visitors with the T. C. Perry family last week were Charles Gregory of Belcross, Mrs. Mary Perry and brother, Elmer Miller of Winfall and the Rev. and Mrs. H.

H. H. Perry of Philadelphia is here on business this week.

Mrs. T. C. Perry, Jr., spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton of Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Matter and three children of Norfolk, Va., were Sunday guests of the Thurman Riddick family.

The Herald White family was guest of the Abner Brown family in Williamston Sunday after Mr. White conducted service at the Presbyterian Church there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Copeland and Mrs. T. R. Winslow were dinner guests of the Archie Layden family Sunday.

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

McGoy Phthesis has purchased an irrigation system to irrigate his truck crops. At the present time he is irrigating strawberries and cabbage. Mr. Phthesis dug a pond for his water supply in a low area

Barfoot, Engineer with the Conservation Service, assisted Phthesis in designing an irrigation system to fit his needs.

Ellis Winslow recently cut a ditch approximately 3,600 feet in length with a dragline. This ditch provides a drainage outlet for some of his crop and pasture land that his old ditches would not drain properly.

T. C. Whitehurst is planning to deepen and enlarge one of his ditches so that it will drain more efficiently on the farm.

Nathan Riddick and James Copeland seeded bicolor lespedeza on spoil banks from recently-cut ditches. These spoil banks were in the edge of the woods. The bicolor lespedeza produces seed which is good food for quail.

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