

MOTHER AND CHILD



Painting By H. Clinton Taylor, Art Director A. & T. College.

Professor H. Clinton Taylor receiving the congratulations of Professor Robert Poole on the completion of the beautiful portrait entitled "Mother and Child." The subjects are Mrs. Fannie B. Poole, wife of Professor Poole, and their daughter of 16. Both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Poole are on the staff at A. & T. College, Greensboro.

Among the new ideas in the broad and diversified curricula at A. & T. College, none has been more consistent in its development and growth than the idea of art training as a valuable area of general education. This idea found expression several years ago when the administration made a few art courses available to students in certain departments. Introduced by a talented young artist just out of college himself, the idea was anchored, nourished and championed right from the start. The initial few courses soon developed into a complete four-year curricula. A few courses in art gave way to a variety of courses, thus a new major division of concentration, the Department of Fine Arts, appeared.

Although the aims and objectives of the art department were not widely understood and appreciated, the enrollment increased very fast. Quick to respond to the demand of numbers and interest, the administration wisely gave the work more space. Five rooms were given over for art, consisting of three studios, and exhibition room and an office for the art director.

The work in the department centers around two major points: The acquisition of skills through extensive practice in laboratory techniques, and the raising of mass standards of tastes in all judgments and choices relating to design, proportion, harmony and color. The first point assigns the development of the creative ability of individuals of talent. The second seeks to help the larger group, the consumers, by providing the safest possible basis for discriminating judgments and choices, a knowledge of fundamental art principles. The first objective is more specifically vocational and the second cultural. Only a start has been made. However, there are already many unmistakable evidences of the practical value of art training in operation on the campus and in the activities of our graduates.

The first graduate as a major in art, Preston Haygood, of Charlotte, has been employed since graduation in a local art shop. He has designed and built his own home, executed several mural paintings in local churches, done considerable commercial drawings for local business firms, and is held in high regard by his employer. Other graduates are distinguishing themselves as commercial artists and teachers. All who have entered the department have had their eyes opened to the many ways art principles effect everyday life, problems of dress, the home, the community, the state and the nation. They are made to realize, often for the first time just how understanding and appreciation of art principles can aid in the development of what society greatly needs: A citizenship deeply sensitive to and ever aware that through art, man beautifies his world, and beauty and order ever go hand in hand.

Now Is the Time To Repair Buildings

By W. T. JOHNSON, Farm Shop Teacher Trainer

Add a few years to the life of that old barn and other farm buildings. Paint! That old wagon might haul a few more loads of hay. Those old battered farm tools can be repaired. A few simple jobs like these during the three following months will greatly help in the national defense effort our country is making today.

At this season of the year farmers have practically harvested all of their farm produce. After that, they do not, as usual, will laborate for the three cold months. This is what the Rural Engineering Department of A. & T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina, is discouraging. We suggest that farmers do everything possible to assure an adequate supply of the strategic material for our national defense program. The department is suggesting some jobs the farmers might do for the three months following the harvesting season.

Livestock, like individuals, should not be exposed to the weather. Among the first preparations, the farmer will stop all unnecessary openings in the barn and sheds, build and repair houses for his hogs. Important also is the care and upkeep of feed racks and watering troughs used for the livestock. It is, therefore, expedient to remove filth from them and repair or construct new ones when necessary. The frequent removal of the bedding will not only prove indispensable to the proper upkeep of the animals, but will also serve as a splendid manure for the land. If the proper compost is made. The farmer who follows the above practices will find that his animals will consume less feed. The work stock will go through the winter in better condition.

Equally important is the condition of the poultry houses and yards. The farmer should insure his houses against leakages and drafts, especially, north openings. The failure to adhere to these precautions will cause a decrease in the productions of the eggs each time the weather changes. Also allow enough space for the poultry to have free range on warm days. Adequate feed space should be provided; therefore, the farmer should construct and repair wash hoppers.

After the above repair work has been done, the farmer needs to check the condition of all his buildings, garages, storage and pack houses. He should see that the roofs are sound and that all decayed or weak boards are replaced. He may underpin his dwelling to keep the cold air out of the house. This will not only make the house comfortable but will cut down the fuel bill. This may be done

by using bricks, stones, or boards. Since one knows that timber which has been painted will not rot as quickly as the timber in the buildings that have not been painted, the farmer should put forth special effort to paint his farm buildings. A good grade of paint should be used, but in order to aid in the national defense program, the farmer should be as economical as possible, but at the same time he should think about the improvement and the maintenance of his home and home surroundings. The following stain is recommended for those farmers who are not able to buy a better grade of paint. It will give very good service and may be used on any kind of timber but the best results is obtained on rough and old material. If used on new dressed timber it is suggested that more Japan Drier be added:

- Burnt Motor Oil, 5 gallons.
- Oxide of Iron, or Iron Oxide, 10 pounds.
- Japan Drier, 1 pint.

Both the oxide of Iron and Japan Drier may be bought at any good hardware store. At some stores it is called Metallic Brown, which gives a dark brown color, and Venetian Red, which gives a dark red color.

Another important item which will keep mud out of the house is the placing of walks from the farm buildings to the house. These can be made out of old concrete (which can be obtained from Highway Contractors), stones, old brick or planks.

The farmer must have good machinery and tools with which to work. To accomplish this all farm implements and equipment should be repaired and painted before they are housed. If a machine or tool cannot be repaired it should be taken apart and put the useful parts in his repair shop (such a shop should be on every farm). In order to safeguard the barnyard it is necessary to dispose of useless pieces. The second series of the 1940 census report on North Carolina Agriculture, revealed that there are 257,436 farms in the state with buildings valued at \$246,000,238. It also pointed out that there are 548,193 horses in farm machinery and implements. With such an investment North Carolina farmers should make sure that their buildings, machinery and implements are well cared for and properly housed.

On the other hand, manufacturers of farm machinery are being called upon to produce equipment for the national defense program; therefore a shortage of such machinery may arise on account of the heavy demand for the production of other machinery directly related to national defense. It is our duty to take care of farm machinery for a greater production of agricultural products.

Farmers may get some assistance in this work through the Out-of-School Rural Youth Defense Training Program. Contact your Vocational Agriculture instructor.

Farmers should make use of the Vocational Agriculture shop and repair their machinery if a home farm

shop is not available. The vocational teachers who are located at many of our rural schools will be glad to cooperate with farmers in repairing their farm buildings and equipment. He will also aid them in their construction work. In communities where vocational teachers are not located, the farmer can contact the county agent who will be glad to aid him in the program.

The farming industry can increase its present status by repairing and maintaining his farm equipment for a greater production of cheaper and better products.

Everyone who expects returns next year is urged to begin now. Most of the other businesses are doing that, hence the farmer should start now.

Vocational Training for Boys and Girls

The office of Trade and Industrial Education was set up here at A. & T. College, July, 1941, to promote the training of skilled workmen; with Mr. E. C. Smith, former graduate of the college, in charge.

Some of the different phases of the program are as follows:

- Trade Classes
- Industrial Arts
- Diversified Occupations
- Evening Classes
- Defense.

The purpose of the program is to provide an organized plan of Vocational Training, so the boys and girls of the different communities may enter into the gainful occupations that belong in the skilled classifications; to enable the pupils to find the occu-

lation that they are best fitted for, so they will be better workers; to provide training that the pupil could not otherwise get and to provide a type of training that will lead to employment and to be respected by the business and industrial men.

There are about forty teachers employed as teachers of the different trades, in the high schools of the state; and Mr. Smith has been able to place several more since his office has been set up. He has visited a great many of the high schools, giving suggestions and making surveys for the improvement of the program. He is hoping to get Industrial Education and the D. O. Program started in as many of the high schools and cities as possible, in the future.

RED CROSS MEETING

There will be an important call meeting at the Haynes-Taylor Memorial Y. M. C. A., 1301 E. Market street, for the approaching Red Cross and Boy Scout Mr. Floyd Clair, and Miss Ruth Clairard will be the speakers, extending from the 12th of November through the 20. The meeting will commence at 7:30.

MR. FERRY BROWN.

HOUSE RANSACKED.

The house of Mrs. R. N. Bullock, Lindsay Street, was entered last Friday evening, October 21, by prowlers unknown.

Some of the valuables that were found missing included a ladies' gold wrist watch, a small bank containing a small sum of cash, and many other valuables unnamed.

The prowler left fingerprints of which the detectives of the police department are checking.

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