

The School's In Focus



Field trips are not new in the field of education, but they are becoming more and more a vital part of boys' and girls' learning experiences. They remember longer and better the things that they can actually see and take part in. Here are some accounts of field trips that have been taken this year in our local schools.

Mrs. Baker's and Mrs. George's fifth grades from East School took a trip to Gastonia on November 18. We visited the Coca Cola Bottling Co., the Sunrise Dairy, and the Holsum Bakery. We learned things about each that we hope will make health and science more meaningful.

Charles Smith was our host at the Coca Cola plant. He showed us how Coca Colas are made, bottled, and delivered. We were interested in the cleanliness of all the plant. He answered our many questions and served us a cold Coca Cola much to our delight.

Bill Craig guided us through the Sunrise Dairy Plant. We saw milk being put in cartons, ice cream being made, the storage rooms for milk and ice cream. We saw where our milk is homogenized and pasteurized. We appreciate our milk more since we saw all this.

Mr. Craig served us fudge pop-sicles, which we enjoyed very much.

We had several guides at the Holsum Bakery. We saw the making of bread from flour until it was cut, wrapped ready to be sent out to us. The machinery used for all the different steps was most fascinating. Seeing all that bread baking helped us realize how much we depend upon bread for our daily food.

The bakery had made us tiny loaves of bread and cookies.

We enjoyed our trip very much. We appreciate Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Kincaid's taking us and Mrs.

Gladden's going with us.

Mrs. McGill's, Mrs. Pollock's, and Miss Goforth's sixth grades from Central School went on a trip Thursday, December 3. They saw the Penitentiary, the Coliseum, the State Capitol Building, and the Museum. From there they went to the University of North Carolina and saw "The Star of Bethlehem", Christmas pageant, at the Morehead Planetarium. They then rode over the campus. On the way home they saw the Christmas lights in Charlotte. They chartered three buses from the Hunt Bus Co., of Shelby.

Mr. Porter's eighth grade class left the room about 11:30 a. m., Tuesday, October 20, 1953, to see the power sub-station. We walked down there and were told by Mr. Porter about the different kinds of transformers. We were told that the reason for the sub-station's losing part of its strength as it comes over the wires from the generating plant on the Catawba River. Thus we have step-up transformers at the sub-station. We found that the rubbery caps on the transformers were used for the purpose of keeping them cool. He said if we should happen to touch two of the wires, we would be killed instantly. The wires around the sub-station are larger than ordinary electric wires because there is more electricity flowing through them. The buzzing sound we heard was caused by the lines of magnetic force being broken. The transformer is said to be the most efficient thing there is. Mr. Porter helped us to learn and understand many more things about transformers.

An interesting field trip taken by Mrs. Warren's eighth grade was a trip to the local water plant. There the students were

Education Pay Can Be Obtained By Disabled GI's

Eligible disabled veterans of post-Korean service may receive education or training at Government expense, with tuition, supplies and in many cases subsistence allowance provided under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, Veterans Administration said. The Vocational Rehabilitation Act is Public Law 16 of the 78th Congress, as amended.

Disabled post-Korea veterans may be eligible for vocational training, VA said, if: (1) they suffered a service-connected disability in active service since June 27, 1950, which would entitle them to compensation, or, but for the receipt of retirement pay, would entitle them to compensation; (2) they were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, and (3) VA determines they need vocational training to overcome their handicap. All three conditions must be met.

Eligible veterans may get training of such character and length not to exceed four years as is necessary to restore their ability to work. Veterans may apply for vocational rehabilitation after discharge, or while hospitalized awaiting discharge.

Before disabled veterans begin training, they will be interviewed by VA counselors. If necessary, they will be given a series of tests to determine their apti-

able to observe in actual operation the stages of water purification that they had read about in their books. They learned the source of the town's water supply, and gathered interesting facts about the capacity of the plant and how it is managed.

A lesson in conservation also made its way into the discussion as the water supply of Kings Mountain was becoming critically low at that time. The need of conserving water was impressed on their minds.

Many helpful experiences came from the trip. They learned good group behavior, as well as first hand information about an important community service.

tudes and interests. This, together with a review of the veterans' educational and employment experiences, will enable the VA counselor and training officer to advise the veterans as to the training they can get.

Eligible veterans may be: (1) enrolled in schools or colleges; (2) placed in apprenticeship or

other on-the-job training; or (3) entered in institutional on-farm programs or other programs which combine school and job training.

While in training and for two months after rehabilitation, the disabled veterans may receive subsistence allowance in addition to their disability compen-

sation. Basic monthly rates for disabled veterans studying full time in schools and colleges are \$75 without dependents, \$120 with one dependent, and \$120 with more than one dependent. Basic rates for on-the-job training are \$65 without dependents and \$90 with one or more dependents. Rates for veterans enrolled in combination types of training may be somewhat higher than the job training rates. Additional allowances may be provided, depending on the veterans' degree of disability and the number of additional dependents they have.

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