

APPROVED PROGRAMS OF STUDIES 3, 4, AND 5-TEACHER HIGH SCHOOLS

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During the first week of school each superintendent or principal of a South Dakota secondary school was mailed Bulletin No. 16 which outlines for the small 4-year accredited high schools a variety of possibilities in the field of subject offerings. There is now offered the schools an opportunity to select programs based upon a definite philosophy of secondary education as it applies to a rural state.

Too many of our smaller schools maintained just another accredited school with no apparent emphasis upon other than college entrance. If the high schools of South Dakota are to prepare for citizenship there must be a philosophy which does not neglect the masses who cannot attend higher institutions. The Department has no desire to permit new schools to become accredited unless they actually give preparation in preliminary training for some of the pursuits of an agricultural state. A good farmer and rancher is also a good citizen. The public school receives support from taxation because it prepares for worthy citizenship.

What, therefore, is the responsibility of the high school? Bulletin No. 16 has a mission to perform. The 3, 4, and 5-teacher high schools must introduce vocational and cultural subject offerings if they seek to meet the real needs of the average community.

The Department expects the school authorities to study this bulletin. Every small school should be able to adopt one of the schedules within a year or so. It is our intention to call regional meetings throughout the state to discuss these problems with the superintendents, principals and interested school officers. These conferences are being planned for December, January and February and will be held Saturdays. Announcement concerning these meetings will come from this office soon.

—SDEA WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS—

Mark Twain Day

Gov. Tom Berry has designated Friday, Nov. 1, as Mark Twain Day in South Dakota. The 100th anniversary of Twain's birth is Nov. 30. In his proclamation the governor says: "I earnestly urge that all schools observe Mark Twain day with a special program in commemoration of the life of America's best known and best loved childhood author, and I also urge that the press of the state cooperate with us in paying tribute to this great American, who never thought of his greatness."

H. S. PRESS AWARDS

Over 500 high school journalism students and their advisers attended the 14th annual convention of the state high school press association at State College, Oct. 18.

Winners in the different contests are as follows:

Printed papers (200 enrollment): 1. Orange and Black, Washington high, Sioux Falls; 2. Pine Needle, Rapid City; 3. Lemmon Squeezer, Lemmon; honorable mention—Maroon, Madison.

Printed papers (less than 200): 1. Dakota, Alcester; 2. Reflector, Notre Dame high, Mitchell; 3. Push—Energy—Pride, Wakonda.

Mimeographed papers: 1. Websterian, Webster; 2. Searchlight, Waubay; 3. Rodeo, Winner; honorable mention—En La Pampa, Faith.

Departmental Division: 1. C. H. S. Mirror, Centerville; 2. Valley Breeze, Gann Valley; 3. Rek-Rap, Parker; honorable mention—Blue and White, Garretson; Beresonian, Beresford.

Printed annuals (200 enrollment): 1. Arrow, Aberdeen; 2. Tiger, Huron; 3. Arrow, Watertown; honorable mention—Warbler, Mitchell; Bobcat, Brookings; Monogram, Washington high, Sioux Falls.

Printed annuals (less than 200): 1. Cactus, Edgemont; 2. Hillcrest, Wessington Springs; 3. Dakota, Alcester; honorable mention—Push—Energy—Pride, Wakonda.

Mimeographed annuals: 1. Gorilla, Andover; 2. Philipian, Philip; 3. Senedak, Seneca; honorable mention—Quill, Sherman; Cardinal, Wentworth.

Editorials: 1. Virginia Cooper, Collidge high, Rapid City; 2. Cathedral high, Sioux Falls; 3. Philip; honorable mention—Watertown and Vivian.



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