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Weekly Report of: A. P. Bell

Week of: January 15-16, 1963

Date and Place

Purpose and Results of the Visit

January 15, 1963 Catawba-Rosenwald High School Catawba, N. C. The purpose of this visit was to work with Mr. Earnest Simmons who is engaged in student teaching at this center.

When I arrived I found the high school engaged in mid-term examinations. The Agricultural Department was conducting its exams and Mr. Simmons had already completed this phase of the work with his classes and was grading papers when I arrived. He had been assigned the 9th and 10th grades for teaching responsibility.

After the examination with Mr. Wright's classes, the trainee introduced and showed a film on soil conservation. This was a film that had been received in connection with a previously taught job. Following the showing of the film it was discussed in appropriate order.

The afternoon was also devoted to a conference with the student teacher. We reviewed and discussed the mid-term examination that had been prepared and administered themwork book, schedule of participating experiences, course calendar, lesson plans, and other assignments associated with student teaching. Suggestions were offered for improvement in these areas. Some of the suggestions were:

- 1-Put more variety and type in the exams which contribute to good teaching.
- 2-Give more attention to students' interest and attitudes.
- 3-Encourage more student participation in classroom discussions.
- 4-Give more attention to student teachers' assignments.
- Mr. Wright has stated that the trainee is

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progressing nicely and has good potential.

January 15, 1963 Clement High Cleveland, N. C. The purpose of this visit was to assist with the program at this center.

The agricultural teacher had gone for the day but I talked with the principal and we discussed briefly the vocational agricultural program. We halso talked about the building program which includes a vocational agricultural building and home economics.

January 16, 1963 Lincoln High Bessemer City, N.C. The purpose of this visit was to work with Mr. Raymond Carver who is doing his student teaching at this center.

When I arrived I found Mr. Carver working satisfactorily in the department. He had been assigned the 9th, and 10th grades for teaching responsibility. The problem area selected for teaching on this day was "Characteristics of the Dairy Cattle." He had established situations to justify the teaching of the job and teaching objectives had been developed in his teaching plan. His teaching was acceptable; however, more visual aids could have been used and there could have been more student participation. All these things were discussed and pointed up in our conference.

A conference was held with the trainee after his teaching for the day was finished. We reviewed and discussed his workbook, schedule of participating experiences, course calendar, teaching plans and other student teaching materials. The weaknesses observed in his teaching were reviewed and discussed. Suggestions were offered for improvement in all areas. The trainee had participated in adult and youth organizations in the community in a commendable way.

Mr. Draughan, the teacher of agriculture, stated that this trainee was progressing nicely and we believe that with the proper guidance he will develop into a good teacher of agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

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