MORE AND BETTER SUPERVISORS

As the Englishman has held to the ancient conviction that a man's home is his castle, so has the teacher hugged an inner conviction that the schoolroom over which he presides is a sort of private kingdom.

But there is increasingly evident a more professional point of view among teachers, as they recognize that supervisors are engaged with them in a common service to the pupil.

And as supervisors have grown in the quality of their service, so have they increased in numbers in Virginia. During the present session 79 of Virginia's 100 counties employ a total of 90 supervisors. In 7 Virginia cities there are an additional 10 elementary supervisors.

MASTER TEACHER OF THE SOUTH SELECTED

W. L. Creasy, instructor in vocational agriculture at the Woodlawn, Virginia, High School, has been awarded the title of Master Teacher of Vocational Agriculture of the South for 1936.

John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, in making this announcement, pointed out that this is the third time a Virginia teacher has received this honor, awarded annually to the vocational agriculture teacher of the South, who, in the opinion of the judges, has done the most outstanding work during the year. The honorary title and award of $100 to Mr. Creasy are especially noteworthy inasmuch as the educational results and activities of 1,961 teachers in 12 Southern States were under consideration.

Instructor Creasy's work in the Woodlawn High School dates back to 1926, when he assumed charge of the vocational agriculture program there. During his tenure at the school, the enrollment of boys in all-day classes has grown from 26 to 82, the largest enrollment in any vocational agriculture department in Virginia, and the fourth largest in the United States.

In addition to carrying his regular teaching schedule at the Woodlawn School, Creasy has organized and conducted evening classes for adult farmers at Elkhorn, Shiloh, and Mt. Vernon, the enrollment in which increased from 14 in 1927 to a maximum of 200.

"Through Mr. Creasy's teaching activities in four schools in Carroll County," a recent statement of the County Board of Supervisors declares, "corn yields have been increased from 30 to 50 bushels per acre, and the cost of production has been reduced one-half. He organized and has been the guiding head of the Carroll Sheep Marketing Association, which has resulted in appreciable savings and profits to its members.

"As a result of his efforts Carroll County ranks as one of the leading counties in the state in the production and sale of capons. The use of lime in large quantities, advocated by Mr. Creasy, has resulted in changing worn-out fields into productive lands. He has been instrumental in intro-
ducing new cash crops, such as snap beans and cabbage, into the crop rotations in the county, in which general farming, beef and dairy cattle production, and poultry raising are the principal agricultural enterprises. He is the adviser of the Woodland Chapter Future Farmers of America, the largest chapter in the state and the fourth largest in the United States. All of the boys in the vocational agriculture courses taught by Mr. Creasy are members of the F. F. A."

Before a vocational agriculture teacher may be considered for the honor of Master Teacher of the South, he must first have been selected as master teacher of his own State. The 12 Southern States represented in the Southern Regional Conference were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Virginia teachers who previously won the Master Teacher of the South award are H. A. Glynn, of Kenbridge, Virginia, in 1930, and F. R. Kirby, of Hillsville, Virginia, in 1927.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE AT GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS

The eighth annual School Administrators Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, at Peabody College, June 10-12. A number of leading educators from over the South will take part on the program, which has as its general theme, "New Administrative Philosophies for Schools in a New Social Order."

Eminent school officials scheduled to deliver addresses include Superintendent Nicholas Bauer, New Orleans, Louisiana; Dr. E. W. Knight, University of North Carolina; Superintendent J. A. True, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, president Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers, Arlington, Tennessee; Dr. William H. Bristow, general secretary, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Washington, D. C.; Superintendent Edward D. Roberts, Cincinnati, Ohio; State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin, Raleigh, North Carolina; and Dr. Louis Stanley, Chief of Bureau of Home Economics, Washington, D. C.

BLOWING ROCK SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

The Blowing Rock School of English, the only specialized Summer School of English in the South, will hold its third annual
session at Blowing Rock, North Carolina, this summer, continuing for six weeks from June 23 to August 4.

The curriculum of the school includes courses in Short Story Writing, Manuscript Criticism, Play Writing, Play Production, Journalism, Contemporary Poetry, the Art of Writing Poetry, and the Modern Novel.

The regular faculty is made up of distinguished novelists, poets, dramatists, and critics, with a number of additional visiting lecturers who spend a week each at the school.

Last year’s session of the School was a notable success with students from 17 different states so widely separated as Washington state, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Vermont, and Florida. Among the distinguished visiting lecturers last year were: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Kathleen Morehouse, Herschel Brickell, Gilbert Maxwell, and Margaret Mitchell.

The School is now academically affiliated with Duke University and its approved courses will count toward a Master’s degree at Duke. Dr. Edwin Osgood Grover, Professor of Books at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, is Director of the School.

DEPENDABLE FILM ESTIMATES

From a subscriber who is counsellor of a high school photoplay club comes this enthusiastic note: “I look upon the ‘Film Estimates’ in The Virginia Teacher as absolutely invaluable; I look forward to them each month with the greatest interest and don’t know what I should do without them.”

The record of “Film Estimates” gives adequate justification for such an endorsement. Altogether, during the past ten years 353 films have been rated “excellent” by the Educational Screen in its “Film Estimates,” and of them 45% were box-office successes; of the 1,392 rated “poor” only 8% were popular enough with the general public to be rated as money-makers. The obvious conclusion is that the “Film Estimates” are what they purport to be—an evaluation of theatrical films “expressly for the intelligent public”—and that these judgments, independently arrived at, accord very closely with a wholesomely sound public taste. PAY ACCORDING TO SERVICE TO SOCIETY

According to the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Independent, the following interesting comparisons exist in Florida:

“The dean of the University of Florida gets $341.67 a month; the official who checks beer and whiskey . . . gets $400.

“Florida’s governor is paid $625 a month; the state racing superintendent is paid $780.

“A professor of science, who is a Ph.D., has a monthly salary of $183.33; a stamp clerk at the beer and whisky department, who is not a Ph.D., receives $300.

“The race track veterinarian gets $650 a month during the racing season; the president of the University of Florida gets $600, having made the mistake of not becoming a horse doctor.”

Write your own ticket.

BENEDICTION

Blossoming apple trees on the rain-washed sward; a twilit evening in May, the quiet broken only by the bed-time songs of birds; distant hills clothed in new garments of ethereal gray-green, flecked with soft reds, bronzes, yellows, browns, pinks of bursting leaf-buds; here and there, splotches of white dogwood and service blossoms, or of the rosy flush of redbud—all veiled in misty cloud wraiths, ghostly phantoms of a day that is done; even yet, long, naked arms of other trees reaching heavenward, with small promise of the green glory still to be. God pours out His choicest gifts into Nature’s lap and Man lifts his head, his soul flooded with hope.

Bessie J. Lanier