

Teachers Neglect Eyes, Tests Show

School teachers have sadly neglected proper eye-care the past few years, according to the Better Vision Institute.

Their substandard vision, in a surprising number of cases tested, is due to improper use of lenses.

In one school system alone, 41 percent of the 327 teachers tested failed to meet the seeing standards established for clerical workers and others whose jobs call for good sight at varying distances. Since this system rated above average among many tested, its scores provide a conservative estimate for the whole field.

In the same school system, only 23 per cent of the 13,000 students were found to be visually under par. Other occupational groups similarly tested chalked up 20 per cent less failure than teachers.

Thus in spite of their concern over pupils' vision, many teachers are neglecting the regular professional eye-care which their own eyesight requires.

Although most teachers wear glasses, the study indicated too many of them have not brought their eyewear up to date with their present needs. A majority of those who failed the tests fell short in seeing clearly at close range—usually because they wore single vision lenses, although more than 40 years of age. Multifocals are needed to make up for their waning

ability to focus for different distances. Occasionally the trouble came from wearing bifocals which were too old—an average of eight years. A few failed at distance seeing, either because they wore no lenses for this or because they used as all-purpose glasses some which had been designed for reading only.

The tests indicate many teachers are in the middle-age brackets and need multifocal lenses but refuse to discard outworn prejudices against them. Evidently few realize that modern bifocals are made with such expert precision that they can be used with great comfort and efficiency, enabling an instructor both to read the book on his desk and to see pupils in the back of the room.

If his vision at the three-to-five foot level is giving him trouble, the Institute says, trifocals (lenses with three ranges) will help him in such arm's-length tasks as map reading, blackboard work, and reading over the shoulder of a seated student.

Teachers, like other eyeglass-wearers, should have several pairs of glasses for different purposes and occasions. In addition to classroom specs, they need sunglasses, perhaps impact-resistant lenses for the basement workshop or for sports, and dress-up glasses for afternoon and evening functions.

Matterson Plans Study Of Market Broilers

Why do some broilers you buy have a tight, golden, healthy-looking skin while others have a loose-looking white skin?

That's a question L. D. Matterson, an outstanding poultry nutrition specialist will try to answer during the coming semester.

Since the broiler with a tight,

golden skin is worth from a penny to two pennies per pound more on the market, the answer could be worth a lot of money to the people who grow the two-billions-plus of broilers eaten by Americans each year.

Matterson is professor of poultry science at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. He has joined the A&M staff during his sabbatical leave from the Connecticut school.

While here Matterson will work with J. R. Couch in the departments of poultry husbandry and biochemistry and nutrition. He will study pigmentation of the skin in broilers by feeding test groups on better diets through addition of vitamin B-12 and various antioxidants.

He is a native of Idaho and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Washington State College and his Ph.D. in agricultural biochemistry from the University of Minnesota. He has been a member of the Connecticut staff for 12 years, and will return there when his sabbatical leave expires in June.

Off Year Mark Seen For Poll Tax Payments

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poll tax payments and exemption certificates show a healthy increase in Texas for a political off-year, a spot check survey made by The Associated Press Tuesday indicates.

The figures, as expected, are far short of poll tax payments made in recent years when a president or governor is to be elected. No statewide elections are scheduled for the state this year.

Harris (Houston), Dallas, Tarrant (Fort Worth) and Jefferson (Beaumont) were counties where final tabulations for this year were expected to show an increase over the last off year, 1952.

Tentative and estimated totals from Nueces (Corpus Christi) and Bexar (San Antonio) indicated they might fall below 1953.

The estimated Bexar County payments this year are 80,000, compared with 85,200 in 1953, 84,568 in 1954 when all state offices were up for decision, and 111,810 in 1952, presidential election year.

Typical of comparative figures were first figured in this year's estimated total, second figure for 1954 and third for 1952; Harris 130,872, 195,905, and 272,199; Dallas 135,000, 147,470, and 180,050; Jefferson 50,000, 54,881 and 65,357.

Totals for the last previous off-year payments first figure and this year's estimated totals include: Dallas 127,221 and 135,000; Harris 121,312 and 130,872; Nueces 33,379 and 31,500; Tarrant 38,704 and 38,900; Jefferson 49,114 and 50,000, and Bexar 85,290 and 80,000.

Job Calls

• Summer camp counselors. The Trail Blazer camps located in New Jersey will have a summer program from June 20 to Aug. 26. The Sherwood camp in Ware, Mass. will have a summer program from June 30 to Aug. 29. Check with placement office for further details.

The last National League player to hit 400 was Bill Terry of the Giants in 1930. He hit .401.



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Potatoes	Idaho Russett 10 lbs. Cello Bag		29c
CABBAGE	Green 2 lbs.		5c

Meat

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HENS	lb.		28c
Tall Korn			
BACON	1 lb. pkg		39c

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Dinners	16 oz		59c
Snowcrop Green 10 oz pkg.			
PEAS	2 for		25c

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