Adult Education Program Expands

The Adult Education Program, provided by the Lafayette Parish School Board, has expanded its services to a great degree in the past year. The program now provides a basic education, toward a high school diploma, to some 330 adults in the parish with another 160 taking training in vocational education. This is done through classes at the Lafayette Parish Vocational Center, four other parish school locations, and programs provided at several different public facilities.

Small Engines
At both Comeaux High and Northside High, classes in small engines are offered for adults. Education opportunities do not stop at the high school level for adults earning their equivalency diploma through the adult education program of Lafayette Parish.

Day And Night
At the vocational center, classes are offered both during the day and at night Monday through Thursday for adults. There are 75 participating in day classes and 69 in the night classes.

Adapted programs are also provided during the week at night in four elementary schools. These include Katherine Drexel Elementary, Broussard Duson Elementary, Truman Elementary and J. W. James Elementary. There are more than 50 adults taking advantage of the programs in the four schools combined.

Training and education for adults in the parish is not limited strictly to obtaining a diploma. There are several programs in which adults can earn a wage-earning trade at the vocational center. Classes in business education, cabinet making and electricity are offered at the center.

To People
The expanded program in basic education brings the training to the people instead of the people coming to a school facility. These include programs at the Lafayette Parish Jail, the mental health facility and the Lafayette City Water Plant. A special program for the employees of the city's Public Works Department is also offered, however, they go to the vocational center for it.

An adult program in drivers education is also available with some 33 persons presently taking part. An extensive veterans program provides instructions in business for about 100 veterans and academic training for some 27.

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