

National Education Week, December 3-9

An Equal Opportunity for Every Boy and Girl in Newberry Rural Schools

A square deal for the country boy and girl for an education

Longer school terms for the rural schools and better equipment is an urgent necessity



Senator Alan Johnstone who made a valiant fight in last legislature for the rural schools.



Governor-Elect Thomas G. McLeod, a friend of education and who may be depended upon to help the rural schools.



Representative Eugene S. Blaise, a friend of the rural schools and who led the fight in the house last session and saved appropriations for the rural schools.

NEED OF THE CHILD TODAY

By J. E. Swearingen
The program of the American Legion and the National Education Association in celebrating Education week is eminently patriotic and progressive. The call of the flag in 1917 was not more important than the need of the child in 1922. The young men of the country were ready and glad to serve. Unfortunately, many of them were tied hand and foot by physical defects or by educational deficiencies. This was seen and felt not only among illiterates, but in the ranks of skilled workers themselves. The home and the school house are the birthplace and the citadel of intelligence. The returned soldier has come back from France bringing a new conception and a new outlook. He is striving to pass these on to the young people who are training for the pleasures, responsibilities and opportunities of tomorrow. Whatever may be secured must begin at the threshold of the neighborhood school-house. Every community ought to enlist for home, county and state. Every Legionnaire, every teacher, and every taxpayer can and should help to give South Carolina an adequate and efficient system of public education.

FARIES IS TAKEN TO STATE PENITENTIARY

York, S. C., Nov. 29.—William C. Faries, convicted of the murder of Newton Taylor and sentenced to die in the electric chair on December 29, was taken to the state penitentiary at Columbia today.

FUTURE OF COUNTRY DEPENDS ON SOLUTION OF RURAL PROBLEM

By Jno. J. Tigert, Commissioner of Education.
The successful solution of our perplexing problems in government depends largely upon education. The success of our educational system will depend in equal measure on how far we are able to solve the rural problem. More than two-thirds of the schools in the United States and more than one-half of the school children are still in the 186,099 one-room school houses scattered through our rural towns and the open country. These schools might have been sufficient for by-gone days, but they no longer offer the pupils an opportunity equal to that which is being provided the city boys and girls either for success in life or for satisfactorily discharging the obligations of citizenship. The future of our school system and therefore the future of our common country will depend more largely upon how we solve this rural problem than upon any other factor.

JOHN WANNAMAKER PASSES GOOD NIGHT

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—The condition of John Wannamaker, who is ill at his home here, was reported unchanged today. He passed "a very good night," the doctors' bulletin stated.

Columbia—Brutality charged in handling of prisoners at state penitentiary in report of state board of public welfare.

MESSAGE FROM GOV.-ELECT THOMAS G. McLEOD

I am deeply interested in the observance of the National Educational week, and appreciate fully the benefits that may come to our state by proper observance and appreciation of this work and the interest it represents. Education is, after all, our vital problem. In using the word education, I do so in its broadest sense and include not only schools and colleges but the environments and associations which really in this day form so great a part of our educational system. In the proper education of the people really rests the only happy solution of all of our problems. It should be a source of gratification and encouragement to every South Carolinian that while there is yet a great deal to be accomplished, our state has, in the past few years especially, made extraordinary progress in educational work. The school facilities in both country and town have remarkably improved in efficiency, attendance and other colleges throughout the state are full. This is a remarkable commentary in the spirit of our people when we consider the depressing times through which we are, and have been, passing. It evidences to my mind that in her educational work, South Carolina will take no backward step. I extend to the resolution my very best wishes for success, and pledge them my earnest cooperation in the great work they have to do. Charleston—Rutledge Avenue Baptist church adopts resolutions declaring "wave of gambling" and urging officials to curb alleged gambling.

SIGNIFICANCE OF EDUCATIONAL WEEK

There is great danger lest the country people, on account of the hard times, allow the country schools to fall back. This would be a crime against the country children. Equality of opportunity is the right of every child, and this is particularly true of education. Why are there so many dying country communities, country schools and country churches? Largely on account of lack of educational opportunity. The country people are moving to town where they can educate their children. Over half the people of the United States now live in town. This is an unhealthy circle condition. Town is not a good place to rear boys and girls. In town they are not taught to work; they do not learn how to carry responsibilities; they come in contact with every evil that characterizes the town; they do not take Sunday school and church, and religion seriously. In short, the children can be educated in town, but the country is the place to make real men and women. Therefore, the country schools should be made just as good as possible with respect to consolidation and better teachers to the school, and longer school terms. There is only one time to educate these country boys and girls, and that is now, while they are growing up; tomorrow is too late. Every country community should take an active interest in Educational week, and should plan to improve the country schools. Every country patron should ask the legislative delegation to support the appropriations.

SMYRNA SCHOOL

In 1877 a school was built on Mr. David Boozer's place and was called Smyrna after the Church. The house was roughly constructed and was furnished with slabs with pegs for legs and no backs for the seats. It was not furnished with blackboards. The teachers who taught at this place were as follows: Mr. Oliver Perry, Mr. Thos Paysinger, Mr. Obohnos, Miss Helen Vernon, Mr. Jno. McKittrick, Mr. Bill Reeder, Mr. William Wallace, Mr. J. R. Spearman and Mr. Gage. In 1876 the school was transferred to the session house at Smyrna Church. The teachers were: Miss Della Anderson, Miss Emma Wilson, who is now Mrs. H. T. Longshore, Miss Nera Coffield and Miss Lula Werts. In 1882 Smyrna School was moved into a little frame house on Mrs. Caroline Boozer's place, where the old school house now stands. Dr. W. D. Senn was the first teacher to teach in this building. Among those who succeeded Dr. Senn as teacher were: Miss Lilla Kibbler, Miss Fannie Johnson. In 1894 the school house and land were sold. Two acres of land were bought from Mr. Geo. P. Boozer and a nice modern two teacher building was built. Since this time the teachers were as follows: Miss Wilton Ann, principal, and Miss Katherine Campbell, assistant. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bollenbaugh taught the next three sessions. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sobie taught the sessions of 1918-19. Miss Janie Wylie

A MESSAGE FROM GOV. HARVEY

Next to the establishment of a high moral standard, the greatest asset of a people is the educational facilities accorded the rank and file of its citizenship. The moral standard itself is dependent in no small measure on the education of the masses. Let every South Carolinian demand that our educational facilities (already vastly improved and improving daily), reach the point where every boy and girl has been given opportunity to secure that which alone will make him or her the peer of any man and woman in the Nation—an education. In 1896 the school bought two (2) acres of land from Mrs. Boozer's estate and a new school house was erected, which is still standing. This was a one room building, fairly well equipped. The teachers at this place were as follows: Miss Lillian Werts, Mr. Howie Olson, Miss Cunningham, Miss Anna Blackwell, Mr. H. M. Henry, Miss Marie Stokes, Miss Bertha McClellan, Miss Carrie Spearman, Miss Della Anderson, Mr. J. Mosey Bollenbaugh and Miss Winston Agnew. In 1914 the school house and land were sold. Two acres of land were bought from Mr. Geo. P. Boozer and a nice modern two teacher building was built. Since this time the teachers were as follows: Miss Wilton Ann, principal, and Miss Katherine Campbell, assistant. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bollenbaugh taught the next three sessions. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sobie taught the sessions of 1918-19. Miss Janie Wylie

SILVERSTREET

Within the last twelve years Silverstreet has made wonderful progress towards educating its children. Until nineteen hundred twelve we had no school building in Silverstreet. We had only one teacher and the trustees had to rent a building wherever one could be found. This caused the people to see the need of a better school in Silverstreet, and as a result the Silverstreet school building was erected and two teachers employed. This was the beginning of a better school at Silverstreet, and three years later three teachers began work in the Silverstreet school instead of two. The lack of enough pupils to secure state aid has always been and still is a serious handicap to the Silverstreet school. However, with the belief that work and cooperation will overcome all obstacles we are still working for a better school and it will not be long before you will hear of the Silverstreet high school. as principal, and Miss Anna Footman assistant, taught the next two sessions. The session of 1921 and 1922 was taught by Mr. J. A. Cumalander, principal, and Miss Rosabel Thompson. The present session is being taught by Mr. J. A. Cumalander, principal and Miss Felicia Spearman. This brings the history of Smyrna School up to the present day. Written by the members of tenth grade. Judge Peurifoy Resigns? Columbia, Nov. 29.—Rumors were current here tonight that Judge James E. Peurifoy of the Fourteenth judicial circuit, had resigned.