

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

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State Supervisor of Rural Schools Writes of Visit to This County

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It was no feasible of course, in two weeks to visit all of the schools but it was possible to visit nearly every section. One does not realize the immensity of the educational enterprise in Anderson county until one considers the school statistics for that county as given in the last report of the county superintendent of education.

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Out of a total of 67 school districts 56 are now levying a special tax. During the past year 11 school districts either voted a special tax or increased one already voted.

In the matter of school buildings Anderson is making rapid progress. During the past year ten new school houses were built. There are now some 400 school houses in Anderson county to be found anywhere. As in other counties there are yet many schools in need of new buildings but under normal financial conditions, with the present interest of the people in this phase of school development, these buildings would for the most part be supplied in the next year or two.

The first week of our visit was spent in the upper portion of the county. As we could not visit everywhere like all the schools we endeavored to reach several that would be situated in the general conditions of that section of the county. One-teacher schools in this section are rare. The only schools visited by us were two, three, and four-teacher schools. They were all well graded and well organized. There was generally a good attendance of the pupils of the district.

pressed in nearly every school with the large number of boys and girls in the higher grades of the schools. At the Lebanon school, which has the largest school enrollment in this section, there are three grades of the high school. This is unfortunately an unusual condition in the State, but it reflects great credit upon the parents and intelligence of the parents of the children.

erected as soon as financial conditions will permit the floating of bonds. Townville also is greatly in need of a new building. It is a large school in a live agricultural community and the people will not likely allow their children to suffer for lack of adequate facilities.

The Walker-Elmoye school is of interest on account of its possession of a large farm. In this day of agricultural instruction in the public school this farm can be of great service both to the school and to the community.

Smiths, McLees, Green Pond, and Union are schools of this section that were visited by us and are well provided with school buildings and teaching force.

The schools of this entire section of the county are well distributed. The effort for the next few years should be the development of the individual schools in providing where needed, in continuing the improvement in the schoolroom instruction, and in stimulating community interest in the school. As the individual schools continue to grow the people should decide upon certain schools that should be developed into splendid rural schools. A few excellent rural high schools in this upper section of the county with a large number of splendid rural graded schools contribute to a most excellent school system.

We spent the second week of our visitation in the lower portion of the county. The schools of this section did not appear so progressive as those of the upper section. In nearly every district visited by us there are too many one-teacher schools. We visited the Snow Hill school and found there a consolidation with another school of that district very desirable. To effect this, as neither of the two buildings now in use is in keeping with the progressive spirit of Anderson county.

We visited Carwell Institute and here again we found consolidation and a new building necessary for the right kind of instruction for the pupils of that community. In each of these communities there are progressive citizens who are manifesting a great deal of interest in their schools and these much-needed improvements will likely be made within a reasonable time.

We visited Bethel school, Big Springs, and Craytonville—all one-teacher schools poorly housed in the three school districts. A large school-house centrally located in this district would be in reach of practically

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TOWNVILLE SCHOOL. TOWNVILLE, Nov. 29.—The 'Fiddler's Convention of Anderson and Oconee Counties' held Thanksgiving evening at the Townville School Auditorium was a great success. A good sum of money was realized for the benefit of the school.

The school, through the kindness of various friends, has secured a large number of periodicals and newspapers. Among them are: The Intelligencer, Christian Advocate, Christian Herald, Country Gentleman, Saturday Evening Post, American Boy, Collier's Weekly, The Monitor and others.

Students are anxious for the supplementary reading books, recently ordered, to come. Sixty-three dollars' worth of new books will make our library look 'bully,' as T. R. says.

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The Central school opened last Monday, November 23d, with a very good enrollment. We hope that there will be more new pupils next week and are very anxious to have all the children enter school as early as possible.

We have our same teachers, Mr. E. M. Shockey and Miss Ella Freeman, of Greenville, with us again and are looking forward to another prosperous session.

Our Rural School Improvement Association will meet next Friday afternoon, December 4th, at the school building and all of the members are urged to be present as we have some very important work to consider.

CLEMSON COLLEGE

CLEMSON COLLEGE, Nov. 28.—Thanksgiving was greatly enjoyed by all. About 200 went to Atlanta to encourage the football team in the annual contest with Georgia Tech.

The members-elect of the legislature from Oconee, Pickens and Anderson Counties visited the college this week upon invitation from the president. They inspected every department of the institution.

Superintendent A. J. Thackston of Orangeburg, D. T. Kinard of Dillon and Principal Koon of Yorkville County, members of the State board of education, were here Friday on an official visit.

Strenuous efforts are being made to raise enough money to secure the donation of \$50,000 offered by John D. Rockefeller for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building at Clemson college.

At a meeting last Sunday night Prof. R. E. Lee, the architect of the proposed building, gave a lantern slide lecture showing the details of the magnificent structure.

The annual race, composed of teams representing the Charleston Y. M. C. A., The College of Charleston, the Citadel, Porter Military Academy and the Georgian Society, will be held on Saturday, December 12th.

On Wednesday afternoon the children of the local public school gave an entertainment that was most enjoyable and that was highly creditable to them and to their teachers.

On Thanksgiving evening the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Mills gave a reception to the members of the Presbyterian church. The guests joined in the singing of familiar songs, listened to several appropriate toasts, enjoyed refreshments and spent a delightful evening.

On Friday night, November 20, our school had a box party at the school. The crowd was not so large as we had expected as the weather was very cold, but we think all those present enjoyed themselves.

We are planning to give an oyster supper some time before Christmas. Our school has new shades, which adds very much to the looks of the school room.

One of our pupils, Cynthia Bowie, has been suffering for the past week with dysentery. We hope to have her with us again soon.

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THE CITADEL

The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., Nov. 30.—Invitations have been received by the members of the senior class to a supper and banquet to be given in their honor next Friday evening by Cadet W. A. Moore at his residence on George street.

About a hundred and fifty cadets went up to Columbia on the Atlantic Coast Line's Citadel Special train last Thursday to witness the annual Citadel-Carolina football game.

In all of the games of the season just closed the Citadel scored a total of 65 points against 60 made by opponents. The defeat on Thursday resulted in our being placed in third place in the State championship standing for 1914.

Hon. J. D. Chapman, a prominent member of the Charleston bar and a devoted church and missionary worker, addressed the cadet Y. M. C. A. last Sunday night. His talk dealt with the sufferings and crucifixion of Christ. He very vividly described the trial and crucifixion and effectively compared it with those of the modern day court room.

Cadet Alexander of Greenville has been elected chairman of the Christmas Hop committee and plans for this social function are now well under way. As yet no definite date has been announced but it is probable that it will be held in the Hiernan Hall on Friday night, December 18th.

During the past two weeks some fifteen or twenty fellows have been practicing basketball each afternoon in the gymnasium and since the football season is over it is likely that this number will be doubled. The five men making the team will have no easy task before them and the predictions are that we will be represented by a winning bunch.

The public program, which was held last Wednesday afternoon in the school park amid the decorations of autumn leaves, pumpkins, corn, potatoes and turnips, was well attended. All seemed to have enjoyed the hour greatly.

The debate (Resolved, That the World is Growing Morally Better) was good. Both sides brought out some strong points. The judges, who were Mrs. D. M. Craig, Mrs. J. G. Duck, and Mr. J. D. Welborn, finally decided in favor of the affirmative.

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FRAZER FITTING SCHOOL

The work of the students of the Frazer Fitting School has been of the best during the present term. Many of the boys having shown marked improvement in their methods of study and consequently much better results have been attained.

From an opening enrollment of nearly sixty last year, the school opened this year with less than forty, but owing to the corresponding small classes the personal attention given the individual student has been increased, resulting in great benefit to those who now attend the classes.

When a boy is allowed to mist a day he rarely prepares the next day's lesson, thinking the excuse, 'I didn't know where the lesson was,' perfectly adequate and feeling much grieved and mistreated if kept in for his failure to get his lessons.

Many of the parents have, as we say, realized this and yet there are some who still seem to think just one day, one little day, can not matter. To these we would address the following lines:

Of what good are good strong, solidly welded links if one link, just one link, in their midst is made of weak iron but poorly welded, lacking the flux of a teacher's care. The chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Then comes the effect on habit. The boy beginning to be shipshod in his methods, he tries to find more excuses for absence from school. He finds the next day's lesson harder as he missed the principles taught in the lesson missed.

So accustomed are the teachers to his absence and a written excuse from parents that his late of forgotten excuse gets easy credence and thus a lax regard for truth is cultivated. And the boy ends the year, if he lost that long, a failure.

Think of the consequence on character. Habits make character. A boy who for trivial excuses is allowed to remain at home when he should be at school will employ such excuses for his failure all through life.

Let us appeal to all parents to assist the teachers everywhere by having the boys at school every day for only thus can the better grade of work be done. Only with the full co-operation of parents can the best results be accomplished.

Because your boy does not get along don't blame the teacher. Think of the same teacher and then see if you have helped the teacher all you can.

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BELTON GRADED SCHOOL

For some time we have been counting the number of days until Thanksgiving. We were made very happy Tuesday morning, when it was announced in chapel that the trustees had decided to give us Friday also in order that our teachers might spend a few days at home.

Miss Ruby Williford, second grade teacher, left Wednesday for Clover, S. C., where she spent Thanksgiving. Miss Claudine Skelton, fourth grade teacher, spent Thanksgiving in Brownlee, S. C., where she was bridesmaid for her friend, Miss Elsie Brownlee.

Miss Marguerite Adams, third grade teacher, and Miss Sue Covington, fifth grade teacher, spent Thanksgiving in Greenville.

Miss Lillian Shirley, one of our high school teachers, spent Thanksgiving at her home near Anderson. Our literary society met November 20th, and rendered a very good program.

Last Tuesday morning we went to chapel and were entertained by the ninth grade. The program was as follows: Scripture Reading—Francis White with response by the class. Song—Bringing in the Sheaves—Class.

Recitation—The First Thanksgiving—Elsie Pagsdale. Reading—The First Thanksgiving Dinner—Eugene Johnson. Song—Honor the Mayflower Band—Class.

Recitation—Who Gives Us Our Thanksgiving Dinner—Mae Pinson. Recitation—A Turkey's Soliloquy—Charles Cox. Recitation—Gentleman's Gay Thanksgiving—Walter Sutherland. Song—Hail the Glad Thanksgiving—Class.

This Year's Thanksgiving Proclamation—Jennie Cox. On last Wednesday morning the Seventh Grade Literary Society gave a public meeting which was enjoyed by all. The program was as follows: Prayer—Marshall Campbell. 151st Psalm—Class. Composition—The Origin of Thanksgiving—Marie Cox. Recitation—First Thanksgiving—Decimal Earl. Recitation—The Reason Why—Frances Maddox. Double Quartette—Florida Gruber, Marie Cox, Margaret Clinkscales, Eva Hancock, Carol Wilson, Primus Wilkington, Herbert Cox, James Haynie. Reading—President Wilson's Thanksgiving Proclamation—Lila Mitchell.

Recitation—The Turkey's Soliloquy—Carroll Wilson. Current Events—Florida Gruber. Jokes—Carroll Wilson. Vocal Trio—Hail Glad Thanksgiving. Debate: Resolved, That the Pilgrims Celebrated Thanksgiving More Than We Do. Affirmative, Henry Haydock, Herbert Cox, Negative, Henry Sutherland, Claude Shaw. Dialogue—Guests from Whittier's Land. Characters represented: Essie, Margaret Sue Vaughn; Barefoot Boy, James Haynie; Maud, Muller, Nancy Blake; School Girl, S. S. Harris; School Boy, Herbert; Red Riding Hood, Margaret Clinkscales; Barbara Fritchie, Marie Cox. A very interesting Thanksgiving program was rendered Monday afternoon by the third and fourth grades. Characters represented: Governor Carver, Harry Calbreath; Master Brewster, Walter Herbert; Mrs. Brewster, Pauline Kay; Mrs. Staudish, Emily McCuen; Miss Staudish, Jim Bowen; Mary of Plymouth, Martha Cox; Sara, Florida Smith; Hope, Dot Kay; Mrs. Bradford, Sara Canning; Hans; Squanto, Claway Williamson; Mingo, Winslow, Wesley Drake; Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Todd; Mamasroot, John Holcomb; Jonathan—Saltus.

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ERSKINE COLLEGE

Thanksgiving holidays at Erskine included both Thursday and Friday. Only a few of the students returned home for the holidays.

On Wednesday evening the student body was delightfully entertained by the ladies of the Womans College at the annual Thanksgiving reception, and on Friday evening by the ladies of the Wylie Home. These social evenings with the ladies are always looked forward to, and few occasions are so much enjoyed.

Prof. Long, professor of psychology and philosophy, addressed the Antioch High School on Thursday evening.

Among the old faces seen on the campus during the holidays were Wade, D. F., Wade, L. D., Eigham, J. L., Hanna, M. B., Miss Harris, McDonald, M. G., and Robinson, J. D.

Thursday evening the Erskine students attended the first public concert of the Due West Woman's College Glee Club. At the conclusion of the program stirring college yells were exchanged between the students of the two colleges.

The coronation event of the holidays for the senior class was the invitation to the meeting of the American Literary Society of the Woman's College on Saturday afternoon. The program was largely a Thanksgiving program, and consisted of vocal selections. The program displayed excellent talent, and was much enjoyed by the visitors.

The Philomathean Literary Society officers for the third term have been elected as follows: President, Barron, E. P., vice-president, Brownlee, R. C., secretary, Sinclair, Boyce; recording secretary, Boyce, J. N.

Cochran LaMotte has selected his basketball team in getting in trim for the coming games. The season opens here December 6th at Wakeford.

Sloan, E. A., present editor-in-chief of the Erskinian, and Grier, W. C., editor-in-chief-elect for 1915-16, will attend the South Carolina Press Association which meets in Columbia this week.

Mr. W. M. Hunter, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Augusta, Ga., received the fifth number of the Life Work Series addressed to the Erskine Y. M. C. A. in last Sabbath evening. The subject was 'The Y. M. C. A. Secretarily as a Life Worker.'

Scene II—In the Harbor. Scene III—At the Brewster Home. Scene IV—The Decision. Scene V—The Feast. Scene VI—Taking Care of the School Room. Scene VII—The School. Our girls won a game of basket ball from the Williamson girls last Friday afternoon. The game was played in Williamson.

Our girls have played six games this fall and have lost only two. One to Anderson and one of Hones Path. LUCILLE HAYNIE, Tenth Grade, Belton Graded School.

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Santa Claus is Packing His Grip. Old St. Nick is getting ready for his annual journey. The kiddies are cussing their eyes at the chimney. The old folks are beginning to feel the first touch of the Christmas night. Now is the time to do your Christmas shopping. Do not wait until the final rush. Shop now at your leisure when selections are easiest to make and the men and women in the stores can give you their best attention. The merchants of Anderson are giving you the best news of their business in the advertising columns of The Intelligencer. They are offering choicest bargains at lowest prices. The advertisements in this paper from now until Christmas will be replete with suggestions to Christmas shoppers. Remember these things: Shop early. Shop in Anderson. And tell the merchants—'I Saw Your Ad in The Intelligencer.'