

South Carolina Climbs

Driving Out Illiteracy Faster Than Any Other State

The State Department of Education assisted by the Illiteracy Commission has made a vigorous fight against the illiteracy which exists in our State and now that the census figures for 1920 have been published it is a matter of just pride that South Carolina leads the Union in reducing her percentage from 25.7 per cent in 1910 to 18.1 per cent in 1920. In rank among the states, South Carolina still maintains the next to bottom place, ranking below every state save Louisiana. In white illiteracy the State has climbed from third place from the bottom in 1910 to sixth place in 1920, now ranking above New Mexico, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. In negro illiteracy, the State ties with Mississippi for third place, maintaining the same position of 1910. While this record testifies to the work which the public schools and the schools for adults have been doing, there is yet much work to be done before we can rank with many of our sister states. Iowa records the lowest illiteracy, 1.1 per cent, while Louisiana records the greatest, 21.9 per cent. In nine states less than 2 per cent of the population was illiterate while in ten states (South Carolina included) the per cent was ten and over.

Pickens county now registers the least illiteracy in the State, 10.7 per cent. Greenville county comes second with 11 per cent while Berkeley registers the highest illiteracy 33.4 per cent with Jasper county next highest 33 per cent. The data for Pickens county are as follows: Total number illiterates 2,118 or 10.7 per cent. Number white illiterates 1,175 or 7.2 per cent. Number negro illiterates 942 or 27.2 per cent.

According to the 1920-1921 report to the State Superintendent of Education 11,250 pupils were enrolled in the 428 schools during the past year. Thirteen counties (Aiken, Anderson, Cherokee, Colleton, Darlington, Greenville, Greenwood, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter and York) enrolled over 300 pupils. Spartanburg led the State with an enrollment of 1,349, Anderson came next with 933 pupils while Greenville took third place with an enrollment of 735 pupils. Only seven counties in the State reported no work.

Practically 2,000 pupils were perfect in attendance. In the first grade there were 4,130 pupils while 3,436 of this number learned to read. For instruction of these pupils the State paid \$3.85 per white pupil and \$1.36 per negro pupil.

Some schools were in session throughout the entire year. During the winter the work was pushed among the mill villages and in small towns, while the summer months were largely devoted to the "Lay-by" schools in country districts. The teaching in the winter was principally done by day teachers at night while during the summer special teachers were employed to devote their entire time to the work. Schools were usually taught in the public schools, although some were held in churches and some in homes. Wherever a group of pupils and a teacher could meet, there a school was formed.

The figures just given for State and County demonstrate the worth of the adult work. The fact that 2,000 pupils did not miss a session signifies the keen desire of the adult to acquire learning. They came to school after a hard day's work through winter's cold and summer's heat and struggled good naturedly over their lessons. Often a teacher or visitor would hear them express genuine regret that they had been deprived of an education in youth but they received in the opportunity now given them by the State and were happy in the thought that compulsory education now makes it possible for children to grow up with educational advantages. The greatest good which is coming to the State from this work is not to be found in the fact that many people are learning to read and write but that the adult pupils are awakening to a larger realization of their duty to the community and State. They no longer feel that they never had a chance and further their example of attending school is causing many persons with little ed-

ucation to pull down their books, who, if left to themselves, would have fallen into illiteracy.

The figures compiled from the report show that Pickens county ranks 14th among the counties of the State in pushing this phase of educational work. There were organized in the county 16 schools with a total enrollment of 290 pupils, taught by 20 teachers.

For the whites: No. of schools 14, enrollment 253, pupils per school 17, average attendance 170, perfect attendance 48, pupils in first grade 132, pupils in second, third and fourth 85, pupils in fifth, sixth and seventh 36, taught to read 87, taught to write 89, average term in days 214. The 17 teachers doing this work were employed at a cost of \$37.70 per teacher or \$2.53 per pupil.

For the negroes: No. of schools 2, enrollment 57, pupils per school 28, average attendance 53, perfect attendance 31, pupils in first grade 30, pupils in the second, third and fourth 27, pupils in the fifth, sixth and seventh 0, taught to read 24, taught to write 14, average terms in days 48. The 3 teachers doing this work were employed at a cost of \$20.00 per teacher or \$1.09 per pupil.

MARRIAGE

Married, on Monday the 30th, ult., about 6 p. m. at the old matrimonial mill, Mr. James W. Kelly of Central R. 3 to Miss Mallie Hooker of Dacusville R. 2. J. Alonzo Brown, N. P. at the throttle. The groom is a promising young farmer and as this is his second matrimonial voyage (he was a widower) he is not a novice in providing for his household and while we venture the assertion the young bride will find the home well supplied with the luxuries and necessities of life, she will also find four little "bright promising faces" waiting to call her "ma".

Judging from the pleasing countenance and quick maneuvers of the young bride we believe the task will be as successfully carried out as the courtship was.

Trusting that the happy couple may always be able to keep the briars and thorns out of their path and that the effervescence of the honey suckle and the roses may always continue to send forth sweet fragrance is the prayer of the old miller. B.

HENDRICKS-JONES

On Friday afternoon Feb. 3, Mr. Carl Jones and Miss Honor Hendricks were happily married at the home of Dr. Geo. W. Quick in Greenville.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hendricks of near Easley, while the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jones of Pickens county.

They will make their home with the latter's parents, where the groom is engaged in the mercantile business. Many friends are extending them congratulations.

MARRIED

Married on February 5, 1922 at the residence of M. F. Hester Mr. Clarice Pace and Miss Annie Grant, both of Pickens. Mr. Pace is a son of Mr. Ben Pace of the Griffin section who is a prosperous farmer. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Charley Grant who is a boss mechanic on the public highway. After the marriage the bride and groom were motored to the home of the groom where a nice repast was awaiting them. M. F. Hester, N. P. performed the marriage ceremony.

PICKENS PRISONER MADE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM "PEN"

Columbia, Feb. 1.—Authorities at the state penitentiary last night foiled an attempt of two prisoners to escape. The windows to the cells have two sets of bars, and the prisoners had already removed one set. The men were Wade H. Ballew, of Pickens, sent up last June for six years after having been convicted of manslaughter, and Orville Warrmack, serving a sentence of three years for grand larceny from Williamsburg.

The prisoners are employed in the chair factory and had smuggled some tools into their cells yesterday afternoon in leaving the factory.

Oh! for some delightful dusty days.

WILL PAINT CHURCHES FREE.

Mr. Mathews Makes Liberal Offer to Country Churches.

Editor The Sentinel: I see so many rural churches needing painting, and because there is no rush on in my line now, I am going to offer to paint some of these churches free.

Here is my proposition: To the first rural church of each denomination in Pickens county that accepts my offer I will put on two coats of paint free of charge, the church furnishing the paint. The pastor, Sunday school superintendent or trustees may get any kind of paint they want and from anybody they please, and as soon as they notify me they want the work done I will do it free of charge, provided it is the first country church of that denomination accepting my offer. Offer open to all country churches of all denominations but only one church of each denomination painted free.

In order that all churches may have an equal show I will not count any offer until after the first Sunday after this notice appears in The Pickens Sentinel.

I hope this offer will induce the country churches in our county to be some much needed interest in the appearance of their buildings, most of which are so hungry for paint that they resemble barns. I think the people will attend church better if the buildings look nice.

W. A. Mathews.

Pickens.

HONOR ROLL FOR PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

First Grade.—Ben Craig, Naomi Alexander, Mary Darsey, Julia Finley, John Galloway, Corinne Hinton, Maggie Jones, Doris Lewis, Tommy Mauldin, Allene McDaniel, Thelia Newton, Thomas Valley.

Second Grade.—Freddie Clayton, Edith Cov, Josie Craig, Katrine Finney, Ernest Folger, Mac Folger, John Hallum, Grace Jewell, Sarah Johnson, W. A. Mathews, Elizabeth McDaniel, Vester McFall, Marion Nealey, Ben Partridge, Sarah Sutherland.

Third Grade.—Ben Cox, Arthur Craig, Catherine Davis, Estelle Durham, Emily Gravely, Annette Hester, Calhoun Hinton, Elizabeth Wright.

Fourth Grade.—Eugenia Cox, Julia Folger, Earle Findley, Etienne Guilim, Elizabeth Holden, Laura Robertson, Sarah Stewart, Leora Henderson.

Fifth Grade.—Billy Cantrell, Laura Craig, Lillian Gravely, Earle Lewis, Deborah Mauldin, Mary Mauldin, Rosa McFall.

Sixth Grade.—Mary Gravely, Virginia Lewis, Elinor Mauldin, Frances McFall.

Seventh Grade.—Edith Hames, Helen Langston, Margaret Lesesne, Nan Newton, Margaret Valley.

Eighth Grade.—Linnie Cantrell, Elizabeth Cureton, Lucile Davis, Eula Gravely, Lucile Hallum, Emma Jones, Wyatt Stewart.

Ninth Grade.—Margaret Bivens, Mary Cureton, Beulah Gravely, Marvin Gravely, Ruth Gravely, Cleone Jewell, Nita Bell Johnson.

Tenth Grade.—Thelma Clayton, Katherine Cureton, Horace Gravely, Paul Gravely, Velma Gravely, Artie Hughes.

Eleventh Grade.—Edna Willis, Sara Ada Keith, Nannie Morris.

HONOR ROLL MARTIN SCHOOL.

First Grade.—Cela Chappell, Pauline Collins, Preston Chappell, Wyatt Durham, Elizabeth Few, Irene Hudson, Doyle Jones, Queen Esther Kelley, Lorene Martin, Ollie Powell, Bruce Simmons, Cootie Thomas.

Second Grade.—Columbus Adams, Waco Crenshaw, Harriett Few, Paul Ramsey.

Third Grade.—Viola Collins, Hattie Few, Furb Hudson, Edna Simmons, Vivian Spearman, Eugene Powell, Perry Rampey.

Fourth Grade.—Norene Adams, Nathaniel Gravely, Grover Martin, Biddie Massengale, Lillie Robertson, Lois Simmons, Theodore Spearman.

Fifth Grade.—Ida Mae Aiken, Carl Few, Lowell Jones, J. B. Robertson, Flossie Roper, Willie Mae Thomas.

Sixth Grade.—Morene Few, Grace Hudson, Ada Hunter, Lola Kelley, Elizabeth Martin, Rosalee Spearman.

Seventh Grade.—Mattie Mae Few, Irene Thomas.

Eighth Grade.—Dorothy Brazeale.

Ninth Grade.—Austin Duncan.

PROGRAM BAPTIST MEETING

Conference of the Pickens Association at Pickens on Feb. 14, 1922.

All pastors, executive and conservation committees, leaders of the W. M. U., laymen, B. Y. P. U., church treasurers, and other workers, are urged to be present.

PROGRAM

10:30 a. m.—Devotion and special prayers for our denomination and kingdom interests.

10:45-11:15—Statement and consideration of present conditions and needs of the 75 million campaign, and our church life, and how to meet them.

11:15-11:30—Secure agreement from the churches to make monthly remittances to the board.

11:30-12:00—Promoting systematic giving in all the churches: By arranging a series of church to church meetings, and grouping pastors and laymen who will visit and present the New Testament plan of church finance, induce the churches to adopt it, help to install it, prepare for an every member canvass and complete enlistment, etc.

12:30-12:40—Emphasis upon our tithing movement.

12:40-12:50—Provide for monthly meetings of pastors, executive committee and other workers.

12:50-1:00—General matters.

1:00 p. m.—Lunch served.

Representatives of the General Board will be present.

BANK OF NORRIS ELECTS OFFICERS.

The stockholders of the Bank of Norris held their annual meeting at the bank in Norris on February 2, and elected their board of directors for the ensuing year. Thereafter, the newly elected board assembled and elected T. J. Mauldin, president; J. P. Carey, Jr., vice president, and J. R. Falls, cashier. Mr. Falls comes to this bank with long experience in the banking business, and the directors feel assured that the institution has before it a year of favorable prospect under the new management.

COUNTY TEACHER'S MEETING.

The February meeting of the Pickens County Teachers Association will be held at Liberty on Saturday of this week, the 11th. The feature of this meeting will be the address of president McGlathlin, of Furman University. He will speak to the teachers in the general meeting. After his address the department will hold their meetings under the direction of the department heads.

After the department meetings are over then a substantial lunch will be served by the cooking department of the Liberty school.

SUBSCRIBE NOW.

This is campaign year and every citizen will want to read the county paper.

For more than half a century The Pickens Sentinel has served the best interests of Pickens county and believes it is now entering the most useful years of its long life.

The more subscribers The Sentinel has the better able it will be to serve its county.

The subscription of The Sentinel is \$1.50 a year, \$1.00 for eight months. The subscription price cannot and will not be reduced.

BOX SUPPER AT ANTIOCH

There will be a box supper at Antioch school house next Tuesday night, February 14, to which the public is cordially invited.

PREACHING AT CROSS ROADS

There will be preaching at Cross Roads church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11. Everybody invited to bring song books and come to sing and pray.

D. W. Hiott, Pastor.

EASLEY MINISTER IS ATTENDING SERVICES.

Rev. D. W. Hiott, of Easley, one of the best known Baptist ministers of the Piedmont section, was a tabernacle visitor yesterday and last night, and made the opening prayer at the night service.—Spartanburg Journal, 28th inst.

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. SANDERS.

Passed Away at Hospital in Columbia on Dec. 30, 1921.

Mrs. Nancy E. Sanders, widow of the late W. H. Sanders, died in the hospital at Columbia on Dec. 30th, 1921, after 26 years of suffering with heart and kidney trouble and after having suffered a stroke of paralysis. She was 66 years, two months and fifteen days old.

Mrs. Sanders was a native of Pickens, S. C., and was an earnest member of the Liberty Baptist church, though she had been so feeble that she could not attend services for the past several years, yet she never gave up interest in her church or solicitude for the welfare of its various institutions.

Besides a host of relatives and friends she leaves, of her immediate family three daughters and one son—Mrs. H. P. Thomas, of Pickens county, Mrs. Lawrence Kenmore, Mrs. M. J. Kenmore and E. B. Sanders, all of Oconee—to mourn her death. Her husband preceded her to the grave 26 years.

DEATH OF MISS OTIS DALTON.

Sunday evening, January 30th, at 6 o'clock, Otis, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dalton, passed away after a lingering illness. She was a lovely girl of seventeen years and will be greatly missed in the home and by her friends. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist church but was unable to attend church for several months before her death. Besides her parents she leaves eight brothers and sisters. The funeral and interment took place at Mile Creek church Wednesday.

MRS. F. M. HENDRICKS DEAD.

Miss Frances Mille Hendricks widow of the late J. S. Hendricks died at her home in Easley Tuesday night after an illness of several weeks. She was 64 years of age. She is survived by the following children: F. S. Hendricks, Mrs. Nova G. Finley, Mrs. Olive J. Anthony, Miss Eva Hendricks, J. Crockett Hendricks and Miss Mabel Hendricks, all of Easley. She is also survived by the following sisters and brothers: Dr. J. M. Crenshaw, of Pickens, Mrs. Esther King, of Brevard, N. C., and Mrs. Margaret Gillespie, of East Fork, N. C.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 12 o'clock at Mt. Tabor, where she had been a member for many years. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends.—Progress.

DEATH OF MRS. JIM LOLLIS

Mrs. Jim Lollis died at her home near Holly Springs church on last Sunday morning of appendicitis and was buried the day following her death at Porter's Chapel. She was about sixty years of age and leaves her husband and several children.

DEATH OF MRS. LAURA COOPER

Mrs. Laura Cooper, died February 4th, at the home of her son Mr. C. O. Cooper, near Hagood school house and was buried the day following at Bethel church.

PICKENS CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. P. T. Cox, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching every second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. J. C. Diggs, Pastor, Pickens
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League meeting every Sunday at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. H. A. Knox, Pastor, Liberty
Sunday School at 10:15 a. m.
Preaching every first and third Sunday morning at 11:15, and every second and fourth Sunday night at 7:00.

CANDY FOR VALENTINE

Send your "Valentine" a nice box of Mrs. Gary Hiott's candy. Phone orders early to No. 44.

State Legislature

MAY REFUND TAXES TO PICKENS FARMERS.

Citizens in that district of Pickens county whose crops were destroyed by a terrific hailstorm in July of last summer would have their ordinary county taxes for 1921 refunded to them by the Pickens county treasurer if a bill by J. O. Williams, of Easley, member of the Pickens delegation, which passed the lower House of the legislature is finally enacted.

Mr. Williams' bill would affect citizens of Easley and Liberty townships of Pickens county who are able to furnish affidavits and satisfactory proof to the county treasurer that their crops "were practically destroyed" by the hail storm last July. The original bill would have exempted those taxpayers from all state and county taxes, but it was amended by the committee on ways and means to apply only to county taxes and by the author of the bill to apply only to ordinary county taxes. There was little debate on the measure.

Under the terms of a Pickens county delegation bill. Pickens will have three rural policemen instead of two and they shall be appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the delegation members and the sheriff of that county instead of upon recommendation of the state senator and sheriff of Pickens, this bill having passed to third reading in the lower house of the legislature.

The bill provides, in addition to the change in manner of recommendation of the rural policeman, that, in the event the delegation members and sheriff cannot agree upon a recommendation, the commissioners of Pickens county shall have the power to decide upon the nominees.

Overhead Bridges.

The bill of Jess S. Leopard, of Pickens, to require the Southern Railway to erect an overhead bridge and underpass at Norris, in Pickens county, passed to third reading in the house today. The bill was unfavorably reported by the railroad committee last week.

How To Raise Cotton Under Boll Weevil Conditions.

Anderson Mail

1—Prepare your land in October by blowing it up with dynamite.

2—Lay it off in rows 12 feet apart, and plant your cotton seed in December.

3—When your cotton comes up, thin it to one stalk in a hill 23 feet apart.

4—Spray each stalk twice a day with Hoy's German cologne.

5—Cover your cotton with mosquito netting when it is two weeks old, this netting to be stretched over poultry wire.

6—Spread tanglefoot between all of your cotton rows, and replace it every day.

7—Burn off all the nearby woods and cut down dead trees and burn them.

8—Dust the following mixture on your cotton twice a day: Epsom salts, calomel, cream of wheat and the white of an egg.

9—Have two hired hands for every acre in cultivation. Furnish with barber's tweezers to be used in pinching the heads off of any boll weevils which show up.

10—Mortgage your farm and buy nitrate of soda and spread plentifully around the roots of the cotton.

11—If any of the bolls should get punctured, have the place vulcanized at once. Any good automobile tire man can do this for you.

12—Begin picking your cotton in February and try to have it all ginned and sold by March 15th, and this will enable you to go to work and grow corn, peas, potatoes and hogs for your own home consumption. This kind of consumption does not need the services of a doctor.

Pay your preacher. Trade for cash. Settle all your old debts and live happy ever afterward.