

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Oconee Stands Next to Head in State for Advancement.

Editor Keowee Courier: For some time I have been contemplating using your valued columns to state to the people of Oconee county the progress that our county has made along educational lines during the past four years under the wise administration of Superintendent of Education Wade C. Hughs.

Oconee county has made more rapid strides than any other county in the State except Horry county. State Superintendent J. E. Swearingen gives unstinted praise to Oconee and her wide-awake Superintendent for the progress that has been made to the cause of education. In order to substantiate what I have just said I want to give you some facts to prove my statements:

Facts Concerning Oconee Schools.

Number of districts levying extra taxes—January 1, 1909, 20; June 30, 1912, 47—more than doubled. Horry, with 95 districts, has 54 levying extra tax; Oconee, with 77 districts, has 47 levying extra tax. Amount raised (1909), \$8,886.95; in 1912, \$13,718.

Aid to Rural Schools.

1909-10\$2,052 46
1910-11 1,984 48
1911-12 1,958 83

Total.....\$6,008 97

More than twice the amount of salary that will have been paid the County Superintendent by the county for the whole four years has already been paid to the county, and by January 1, 1913, Oconee will have secured in round numbers \$8,000 from the State for rural schools.

State Aid Rural School Buildings.

Fall Branch, \$125; Salem, \$135; Bethlehem, \$100; Ebenezer, \$300; Blue Ridge, \$300; Keowee, \$350. Total, \$1,300.

Teachers' Standard Gradually Raised

Greater interest than ever is being shown by trustees in schools under their charge with corresponding improvement in general conditions. Our County Superintendent was largely instrumental in getting the bill introduced and passed providing for State aid for rural schools to about the same amount as is provided for rural high schools, but without the restrictions of the high school act. There are some eight or ten schools in Oconee that could not come up to the requirements of the high school law that can get State aid under the new act. The first school to get any benefit under the new law is the South Union school, which was formerly a high school, but was later ruled out by the State Inspector.

Rural Graded Schools.

Eight districts have been consolidated into three, and two of the buildings have been put up, and plans are under way for the erection of the third. Great advance steps have been made and lead taken in Oconee county by two mountain districts, Bethlehem and Village Creek. From the above statements you see that our county has received considerably more money than it has been able to keep the Superintendent of Education's office open. It will perhaps be news to some to learn that it was through the Oconee Board of Education, and especially the work of Mr. Hughs, that a bill was introduced and passed providing for State aid to rural graded schools. This bill was a great blessing to the rural country town and country community that cannot conform to the high school law.

Oconee is coming to the front in point of education, and I consider that this impetus in the cause of education has come largely through the earnest, conscientious and faithful work of our present incumbent, and I for one would like very much to see him placed in the office for another four years. Should the same progress be made that has been made in the last four years Oconee county will lead the State in the cause of education.

There is one feature alone that should cause all true Oconeeans to rejoice, and that is the interest that is being taken in consolidating schools, in building up-to-date school buildings, and not employing the one-teacher, short-term school, with pupils packed into one little building. With these facts above I believe that the people of Oconee county will be satisfied for the present regime of education to be graded on in the future as has been in the past, and not a single citizen of Oconee county will doubt the fact that great advancement has been made in the cause of education in the past four years. Yours truly,

M. E. Brockman.
Seneca, S. C.

Man Coughs and Breaks Ribs.

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Seneca, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side, and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonfuls ends a late cough, while persistent use routs obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heats weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure it's a God-send to humanity," writes Mrs. Edie Morton, Columbia, Mo., "for I believe I would have consumption to-day if I had not used this great remedy." It is guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle or 50c. or \$1.00 size at all drug stores.

Both Eyes Shot Out.

Red Springs, N. C., June 1.—Chas. Gibson, in charge of the mechanical department of the Morgan oil mill at this place, was fatally shot this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock by a negro employee, George Swann. The shooting was without provocation, and much indignation exists. The negro escaped to a nearby swamp.

Mr. Gibson was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, Fayetteville, where an operation will be performed at once. He received three wounds, one in the face, putting both eyes out, and the others in the body.

A reward of \$100 has been offered for the arrest and delivery of Swann. The negro is described as coal black, 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, and weighs 190 pounds.

REMINDER—"LEST WE FORGET"

Memorial Day Was Not Observed by People of Walhalla.

Editor Keowee Courier: This the 30th day of May, 1912, is the national Decoration Day for these United States of America. It is meet and proper that it should be so. Many sad and loving tears are shed to-day, while loved ones are laying garlands of beautiful flowers on the last resting places of the heroes of war and on the graves of fathers, mothers and other relatives and friends, long since departed.

It does seem to me that it would be a most loving and proper tribute that every one who has dear relatives and friends now buried in all the cemeteries and at all the churches of Oconee county, should meet on this 30th day of May—Decoration Day—and place lovely flowers on the graves of all. I would be so glad to meet my relatives and friends at dear old Richland that we might decorate every grave in that sacred place of rest.

What are our splendid civic leagues—both ladies and gentlemen—doing? Why should they overlook and forget to place garlands of flowers on our fine Confederate monument, and Wagener monument, in memory of the founders of our town and of the soldiers of the South, the defenders of State's rights and constitutional liberty? Ah, young friends, we should gather and weave a bright, gay garland, from the forget-me-nots of memory, the rosebuds of love and the spotless white lilies of prayer, twining them among the evergreens of hope, and place them lovingly on the graves of our departed loved ones who have crossed over the river. And to my dear Christian mother, who would always bid me good-bye at the old swinging gate I wish to dedicate these few verses:

My Mother at the Gate.

(Selected.)
There's many a lovely picture on memory's silent wall;
There's many a cherished image that I tenderly recall;
The sweet home of my childhood—It's smiling brooks and birds;
The friends who grew around me, their loving looks and words;
But the sweetest, dearest image that fancy can create
Is the image of my mother, my mother at the gate.

And there I see her standing, Her face so pure and fair,
The sunlight and the shadow, On her snowy cap and hair;
I feel the soft, warm pressure, The hand that clasped my own;
I see the look of fondness, That in her blue eyes shone.
I hear her parting blessing, The lapse of weary years,
I look through all my sorrows, At her own sad, silent tears.
Ah, midst the darkest trials, That mingle with my fate
I turn to that dear image, My mother at the gate.

But she has crossed the river, Is with the angels now—
Has laid aside earth's burdens, And the crown is on her brow;
She's clothed in pure, white linen, And walks the street of gold;
Oh, loved one, safe forever, Within the Saviour's fold.

No sorrowing thought can reach thee,
No grief is thine to-day;
God gives the joy for mourning, And he wipes the tears away!
Thou'rt waiting in that city, Where holy angels wait,
And when I cross the river I'll see thee at the gate!

Very truly yours,
S. K. Dendy, Sr.

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La at Notes from Richland.

Richland, June 3.—Special: Mrs. Vaughn, of Milledgeville, Ga., is visiting her son, Rev. P. D. Vaughn. Hon. E. E. Verner left yesterday for Augusta, Ga., where his mother is very ill and is not expected to live. John Ballenger, Jr., returned last Saturday from Davidson College. Mr. and Mrs. Hary R. Hughs, of Walhalla, spent a short while last week here with relatives and friends. Miss Sarah Verner, of Seneca, is visiting at the home of Hon. E. E. Verner.

Mrs. J. H. Dendy returned home Saturday from an extended visit to relatives in Georgia. Children's Day was observed at the Richland Sunday school yesterday. After several recitations by the pupils Rev. Mr. Vaughn made an address on foreign missions. A collection was taken up and about \$8.50 was received for foreign missions.

R. M. Davis and son Robert had a very narrow escape Tuesday morning last. While crossing Conners creek near their home in a two-horse wagon the mules could hardly stand up on the slick planks, and one mule stopped, but the other went on and pulled the wagon to one side of the bridge, and since there was no railing on the side of the bridge, the mules, wagon and all went right off into the water. The men were not hurt, but one of the mules came very near drowning before they could get it out.

Mrs. Sherard, of Jefferson, Ga., is visiting her brother, John W. Sherard.

Stiles Stribling received a first grade certificate from Superintendent of Education W. C. Hughs last week and was "licensed" to teach in this county. He stood the examination at Walhalla on May 3 and his average was 87. Bruce Stribling also made an average for a first grade certificate, but was too young to be licensed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Candidates' Cards under this heading will be inserted for the sum of \$3—strictly in advance. Please do not ask us to charge to an account.

FOR SOLICITOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and pledge to abide the result of the Democratic primary and to support the nominees thereof.
JNO. M. DANIEL.

FOR STATE SENATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the State Senate from Oconee county, subject to the rules governing Democratic primaries.
FRANK M. CARY.

FOR SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education, subject to rules governing the primaries. I appreciate the support given me four years ago.
THOS. A. SMITH.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Education of Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party governing primary elections. WADE C. HUGHS.

FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE.

At the request of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
V. F. MARTIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Oconee county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party governing primary elections.
JOHN B. S. DENDY.

FOR COUNTY SUPEVISOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
YANCY C. LANGSTON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. J. R. CLELAND.

At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
AUGUSTUS T. SMITH.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
W. C. FOSTER.

Feeling that I can well serve the public of Oconee I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Supervisor, subject to rules and action of Democratic party.
ELBERT F. HUDSON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
W. N. WOOLBRIGHT.

The friends of W. A. GRANT hereby announce him as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party in the primary elections.

The friends of NATHANIEL PHILLIPS respectfully announce him a candidate for re-election to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the approaching primary elections.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
L. H. V. HOBSON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. BENNETT HILL.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
W. E. GILLESPIE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to rules of Democratic party governing primary elections. J. B. TOMPKINS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to Democratic primary rules. I thank the voters for their past support.
J. L. CHASTAIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing Democratic primary elections.
ROBERT THOMAS.

At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to action of Democratic party in the primary elections.
D. H. STANCHIL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
H. C. WALKER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
E. D. KING.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
JACKSON L. MILLER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the ensuing primaries.
W. R. HUNT.

FOR CONGRESS:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress from the Third Congressional District of South Carolina, subject to the action of the voters of the district in the Democratic primaries.
MARCUS C. LONG.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election for the office of Clerk of Court for Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
JOHN F. CRAIG.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. R. HELLER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Oconee, subject to the rules governing Democratic primary elections.
JOHN B. HARRIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party governing primary elections.
M. R. McDONALD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to the rules of the primary election.
W. M. BROWN.

At the solicitation of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. (REV.) J. B. TRAMEL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
FRANK H. SHIRLEY.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.

At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Auditor of Oconee county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.
ARTHUR F. FINLEY.

Having been solicited by my friends, of whom several are old Confederate veterans, whom I feel to honor, I announce myself a candidate for nomination as Auditor of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.
OSCAR HARRIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination as Auditor of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.
D. A. SMITH.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
J. N. FITZGERALD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. JOHN W. DAVIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
M. W. GIBSON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
W. M. DILLARD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary elections. W. M. KAY.

At the solicitation of many friends throughout the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing Democratic primaries.
GRAYTON P. WALKER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. JAMES C. SHOCKLEY.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

At the request of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. W. REYNOLDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
W. S. GRAHL.

In accordance with the rules of the Democratic party, I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination as Treasurer of Oconee County.
JOHN H. BROWN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Oconee county, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party in the primary elections.
RICHARD W. GRUBBS.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party in the ensuing primaries.
R. HENRY ALEXANDER.

FOR CORONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. WHIT KNOX.

The friends of JOHN G. REEDER respectfully announce him a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee county, subject to the action of the voters of the Democratic party in the ensuing primary elections.
ANDREW M. NORRIS.

At the solicitation of friends, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
JEFF B. MARETT.

JOHN JOOST,
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