

A VISIT TO OCOONEE SCHOOLS.

State Supervisor of Rural Schools Writes of Recent Trip.

Editor Keowe Courier: It was the pleasure and privilege of the State Supervisor of Rural Schools to spend three days recently in the schools of Ocoonee county. This was the second attempt the State Supervisor had made in an effort to spend some time in Ocoonee. The first attempt failed because of very unfavorable weather conditions. The County Superintendent of Education had planned well the itinerary, and his assistance made the trip over the county pleasant and profitable as well. For two days we had the pleasure of the company of Verd Peterson, the State supervisor of agricultural teaching. He is especially interested in the introduction of the teaching of agriculture in some of the strongest country schools of Ocoonee, and his presence with us proved very profitable to the teachers and the children visited.

The three days were spent in the schools of the lower section of the county. Practically all the schools in the mountainous section have a summer session, and for this reason the fall session has not yet begun. The State Supervisor is looking forward to an early opportunity of visiting some schools in the mountainous section of the county.

The First Day
of our visit we were able to reach only two schools—Oakway and Fair Play. Oakway is one of the largest and strongest country schools of the State. It has been an effort for the people of the district to provide adequate facilities for the large number of children enrolled in the school, but the willingness of the tax-payers to vote special tax, combined with the help of the State through the equalizing fund, seems to have placed the school at present upon a firm financial basis. The State Supervisor of Rural Schools found the work well organized, and to all appearances the teaching proceeding in a very satisfactory manner.

Fair Play was found to be in excellent condition in every way. The building at Fair Play is modern in arrangement and is unusually well constructed. The large auditorium gives excellent opportunity to the school for service as a community center. At this school the visitors spent some time in each class room, and they were delighted with the character of the instruction.

On Thursday
the following schools were visited: Bounty Land, Return, Providence, Earle's Grove and Richland. With an early start the visiting party was able to reach Bounty Land at the opening exercises. The State Supervisor of Rural Schools was pleased with the building and the organization of the work at Bounty Land. As this school is not far from Seneca, a State-aided high school, the pupils in this vicinity who would be in the high school grades go to Seneca. This gives the teachers an opportunity to do thorough work with the elementary grades, a very desirable situation.

Return is another two-teacher school that gave appearances of excellent organization and good school work. The teachers in this school are all crowded for time, and with the incoming of a large number of pupils during December and January it will be impossible for two teachers to do the thorough work that these teachers would like. This school ought to have better facilities and a larger teaching force for the winter enrollment.

Owing to arriving just before noon the visitors did not have the opportunity of remaining at Providence as long as they would have enjoyed, but even with the short stay they were impressed with the organization of the school for good work in all three class rooms.

Earle's Grove is a two-teacher school with a comfortable, though not modern, building, and with good opportunities for work as a two-teacher school. The pupils were well distributed, and with little high school work attempted in the school the teachers have opportunity for thorough instruction.

Richland is another two-teacher school that is comfortably housed and in a building that was likely erected before the days of State plants. The State Supervisor was pleased with the distribution of the pupils and grades in this school, and with the earnest effort of the teachers to make the instruction ample and thorough. Nobody realizes, however, better than these two hard-working teachers themselves the impossibility of two teachers doing ten grades of work with the enrollment that is found at Richland. With as many enrolled as fifty it is impossible for a two-teacher school to give adequate preparation for college, and in an effort to do so the pupils in the intermediate and primary grades are necessarily neglected.

Effort was made from Richland to reach the Clearmont school. The party was too late to reach there before school closing, and had opportunity only of meeting the teachers.

On Friday
Blue Ridge, Tabor and Madison were visited. Blue Ridge is a two-teacher school that had been open for the fall session only a few days. The State Supervisor was pleased with the distribution of the classes and the organization of the work. The school is comfortably housed in a comparatively new building.

The next stop was made at Tabor. This is also a two-teacher school, with an excellent division of the school work between the two teachers. An addition has recently been made to the Tabor building. The work was well done, but unfortunately the location of the windows does not conform to the State plans and modern requirements of light on one side of the room.

The last visit of the day, and of the week, was made at Madison. This is also a two-teacher school and another where excellent work is being done in both departments. The State Supervisor was impressed at this school with how well a country school might provide itself with plenty of play-ground apparatus and with the least outlay of money. Swings, seesaws and slides were provided at Madison to accommodate practically all of the children at a recess period. These were made by the principal and larger boys, with only a small outlay for the necessary lumber and other material. Such a condition as this makes the children happy and contented, and contentment at school greatly promotes thorough-going school work.

Enrollment and Attendance.

Several conditions in Ocoonee county were observed that seemed to be general. One of these is the low enrollment and attendance in nearly all the schools at this season of the year. Ocoonee is a white county, and this situation makes it necessary for the children in many places to help gather the crops. While the absence of the children is, therefore, to a certain extent excusable, the parents of the children should not lose sight of the harmful effects of such absence upon the schools. With a fresh ingathering of new pupils every week for several weeks during the fall, it is impossible for the teachers to organize classes and to promote properly the progress of the pupils who enroll at the beginning. In every school it would be wise for the patrons to meet with the teachers the first morning of the school session, and come to some understanding with reference to the school work and the farm work of the boys. With an early opening hour each morning, and with the taking up of such fundamental subjects as language and mathematics during the forenoon, it might be possible for boys to attend school during the forenoon and work during the afternoon without greatly retarding their own school progress and the progress of other pupils, and still have sufficient time to help gather the crops.

The State Supervisor was pleased that in a great many of the two-teacher schools no work was attempted beyond the eighth grade. With the large enrollment found in every two-teacher school in Ocoonee county it is impossible for two teachers to do well more than eight grades of work. It would be well for the teachers, trustees and patrons, at the opening of the fall session, to decide how advance work could be attempted in every school with satisfactory results. If this was done it is quite likely that the lower grades—the grades which enroll more than three-fourths of all the children—would not be neglected. Such a step as this would make impossible high school instruction in most of the schools we visited, but it would likely lead to another and very desirable step—the organization of a high school center for the instruction of the pupils of the high school grades. Such a center is needed somewhere in the vicinity of Oakway and South Union, where the pupils of the high school grades of several rural graded schools would be accommodated for their high school instruction. Such a scheme as this would insure thorough teaching for all the children

and would provide genuine high school work, which is impossible under present conditions.

Another general condition was observed, which, in fact, is general over the entire State. Rural graded schools can offer only one course of instruction. Language, mathematics and history are the fundamental subjects for every course. The State Supervisor is convinced that with our modern industrial conditions the time has come when science should be substituted for Latin in one-teacher and rural graded schools. At present Latin is usually taught and science excluded, whereas the teaching of science would be more practical and is usually more interesting to the pupils. The State-adopted course of study makes ample provision for the teaching of science.

County Superintendent's Interest.
It was a pleasure to the State Supervisor to observe the interest of the County Superintendent of Education in securing adequate physical conditions for his schools and in promoting in every way possible good class-room teaching in the schools. The number of new buildings existing and being constructed in the county is evidence of his success in promoting school improvement. The total of special tax collected in the county is evidence also of his determination, and the determination of the people, to secure funds for the maintenance of schools. His activity in visiting the schools and establishing acquaintance with the conditions in each school is evidence of his desire to encourage the best of class-room instruction in the schools. A visitor to the county who observes these conditions cannot be otherwise than impressed with the fact that Ocoonee is making progress in keeping with the other counties of the State.

The State Supervisor is deeply appreciative of the many kindnesses shown him during his visit to these Ocoonee schools, and will look forward with pleasure to a return to the county as early as opportunity affords.

Jueco Gunter,
State Supervisor of Rural Schools,
Columbia, S. C., Nov. 26.

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Local Notes from Seneca.

Seneca, Nov. 27.—Special.—(Too late for last week)—Seneca was largely represented at the Billy Sunday meeting in Toccoa Monday afternoon, and there are citizens going to Atlanta constantly to hear him.

Miss Marie Pegrum has gone to her home in York to attend a wedding and will remain with her folks until after Thanksgiving.

Rev. I. E. Wallace attended the convention of Red Cross workers in Atlanta last week and took advantage of the opportunity to hear Billy Sunday.

Miss Maude Hopkins is visiting relatives in Greenville county.

The Wizard of Tamasee Chapter, D. A. R., held a delightful meeting with Mrs. E. C. Doyle last week.

Charles Lawrence is at home on a sick furlough, having suffered injuries from an auto wreck. He is improving and will soon return to his duties.

R. M. Tribble went to Greenville Saturday for the purpose of seeing his son Bert, but on account of the strict quarantine at Sevier, was unable to see him. The Seneca boys, however, at the camp are all reporting well.

Charles Stribbling left Sunday for Greenville, where he has accepted a position with the Bank of Commerce.

At a meeting of the Aid Society of the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, plans were perfected for the bazaar on December 7. One of the attractions will be the country store, another the Japanese booth, both of which will be strong drawing cards.

Must Keep Posted.

Washington, Nov. 28.—All persons subject to the selective service law, the Provost Marshal General announced today, are charged with knowing the law and the accompanying regulations, and a failure to comply will be considered a misdemeanor and punishable by one year's imprisonment. Failure also may cause immediate induction into military service and will operate as a waiver of any right or privilege which might otherwise have been claimed. It is pointed out that all previous exemptions were revoked under the new regulations.

THE MANSAYER AT THE WHEEL.

(Greenville News, Nov. 27.)

For the second time within a year this community has been shocked at the killing of a human being by an automobile driven in a criminally reckless manner.

The first instance was the slaughter of an aged woman returning from worship, who was struck down by an automobile whose occupants remain unidentified. The second was the killing yesterday of Chief Sam Heath, of the United States Navy recruiting office, by a negro driver, who, according to the testimony of witnesses, was not only driving at a dangerous rate of speed and on the wrong side of the street, but was also drunk. It is said that on the principal thoroughfare of this city he was going a mile a minute. That he was using the car against the order of its owner is an additional aggravating circumstance, although this practice is not uncommon among drivers.

If the driver who killed Chief Heath is proved to have been as reckless as represented, and as drunk, the full limit of the law should be imposed upon him. That, we understand, is manslaughter, carrying at the most twenty years' imprisonment. With a working acquaintance with the reason of the law now existing, we nevertheless are of the opinion that if the crime was committed as alleged, in all cases of this type the guilty party should give his life in the death chair for the life that was blotted out by his criminal recklessness and lawlessness. It is a fixed principle of law that a man is presumed to know and intend the consequences of his acts. When a chauffeur drinks liquor he knows that it may render him incompetent to operate a car carefully and may cause him to kill his fellow-beings. The automobile is a necessary and useful adjunct of life, but in the hands of a reckless, drunken man it can be converted into a terrible engine of destruction.

If it is possible under the law to do it, the existing statutes in this State should be so amended as to make the killing of a human being by a drunken or otherwise grossly reckless driver constitute the crime of murder and call for the death penalty.

Whoever, with wanton recklessness or under the influence of liquor, drives an automobile is a greater menace to the public safety than the drunken locomotive engineer at the throttle wheel. There is no telling what tragedy may follow when drunk chauffeurs go at large in the community.

"Nothing can help poor Chief Sam Heath now. For him we can do nothing, but we can do something to prevent the recurrence of such tragedies. We can provide by law for increasing the penalty in such cases to life imprisonment, if not to execution. We can provide by law for the licensing of all automobile drivers, requiring strict and conclusive proof that they are not addicted to the use of intoxicants and that they are careful and competent drivers. These things can be done if the force of public opinion is exerted upon the next Legislature. The State of South Carolina is permitting unfit and untrustworthy persons to operate automobiles upon the public highways, contrary to the welfare of the people. The public safety is in jeopardy. We cannot entirely prevent these tragedies, but we can diminish their number."

If full justice could be secured in this case, the man who sold the liquor that negro drank would be arraigned beside him, not as an accessory, but as joint principal. The moral of yesterday's tragedy needs no elaboration, for it is as clear as the sun.

Fifteen White Girls to Reformatory.

Anderson, Nov. 28.—Fifteen white girls were arraigned in United States Court today charged with violating the act of Congress of May 18, 1917, against prostitutes operating within five miles of a military camp. All of them entered a plea of guilty and were sentenced by Judge Johnson to the Federal reformatory in Washington until they become of legal age.

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MINISTERS CONFERENCE 10TH.

Meeting Will Be Held in Westminster Baptist Church at 10 A. M.

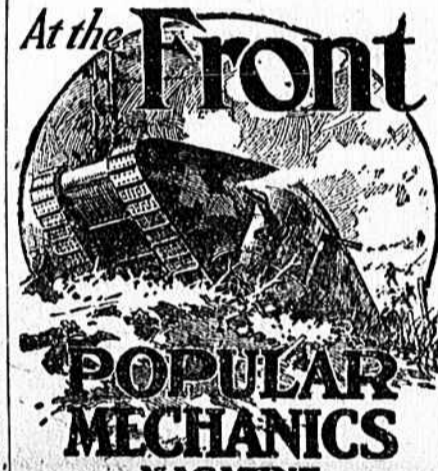
Westminster, Nov. 27.—The Ministers Conference will meet one week later this month than usual—December 10, at 10 a. m.—on account of the Baptist State Convention. The pastors' executive board and also as many laymen as can be argued to be present.

Dr. W. J. Langston is to be at this meeting and will make an address, discussing the plans and purposes for the work of the new year. This is to be a very important meeting; therefore it should be well attended. The program is as follows:

Address by Dr. W. J. Langston. God's distinctive blessings on my work this year, and my plans and purposes for the new year. Speakers, W. M. Thompson, L. M. Lyda, L. H. Raines, W. R. McMillan.

Blackboard outlines of a sermon on the Prodigal Son. Each preacher is requested to bring an outline.

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America's Great Crops.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Thanksgiving day finds America's "horn of plenty" with a new high record of fullness. Responding to the President's appeals and the needs of a war-torn world, the American farmers produced a gross total of \$21,000,000,000 worth of farm products, equalling in value the nation's total expenditure for one year of war. The total is \$6,500,000,000 greater than last year. Record crops were produced of corn, oats, rye, wheat, sweet potatoes, tobacco and beans.

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BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY.

Between Belton and Walhalla.

Time Table No. 22—Effective Nov. 11, 1917.

STATIONS	1st-Class Fast		2d-Class Mixed	
	Daily	7-Daily	Daily	7-Daily
EAST-BOUND	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Walhalla	7:20	3:10	11:10	5:30
West Union	7:25	3:15	11:15	5:35
Seneca	7:30	3:20	11:20	5:40
Jordanla	7:40	3:30	11:30	5:50
Adams' Crossing	8:05	4:17	12:24	6:41
Cherry's Crossing	8:05	4:20	12:27	6:44
Pendleton	8:20	4:30	12:42	6:57
Autun	8:28	4:39	12:50	7:05
Sandy Springs	8:31	4:42	12:53	7:08
Denver	8:40	4:50	1:02	7:16
West Anderson	8:51	5:01	1:09	7:24
Anderson P. Dep.	9:00	5:10	1:23	7:38
Anderson F. Dep.	9:11	5:11	.....	.....
Erskine's Station	9:18	5:28	.....	.....
Ar. Belton	9:30	5:40	.....	.....
No. of Train	12	10	21	30

STATIONS	1st-Class Fast		2d-Class Mixed	
	Daily	7-Daily	Daily	7-Daily
WEST-BOUND	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
Belton	5:00	11:35	.....	.....
Erskine's Station	5:05	11:40	.....	.....
Anderson F. Dep.	5:19	12:04	.....	.....
Anderson P. Dep.	5:29	12:05	8:10	2:35
West Anderson	5:27	12:12	8:17	2:42
Denver	5:39	12:23	9:03	3:27
Sandy Springs	5:46	12:31	8:41	3:03
Autun	5:49	12:34	8:44	3:06
Pendleton	5:57	12:42	8:52	3:14
Cherry's Crossing	6:30	1:15	9:03	3:27
Adams' Crossing	7:11	1:56	9:06	3:24
Jordanla	7:27	1:12	9:22	3:44
Seneca	7:30	1:15	9:30	4:00
West Union	7:50	1:35	10:15	4:20
Walhalla	8:00	1:45	10:25	4:35
No. of Train	11	9	29	25

Train No. 6 Mixed daily except Sunday (not scheduled above) leaves Walhalla at 2 p. m.; West Union at 1:35 and arrives Seneca at 2 p. m. Train leaves over at Seneca until following day and runs from Seneca to Belton on No. 8.

Flag Stations: Anderson Freight Dep., West Anderson, Denver, Sandy Springs, Autun, Cherry's Crossing, Adams' Crossing, Jordanla.

Steam trains will stop on flag at Welch, Toccoa, Phinney's, James.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of H. L. BRANDT, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said Estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.

(MRS.) META C. BRANDT,
Executrix of the Estate of H. L. Brandt, deceased.
Nov. 11, 1917. 46-49

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Ocoonee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Tuesday, December 18th, 1917, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the estate of Mrs. Ellen L. Sloan, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate.

H. T. POE,
Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Ellen L. Sloan, deceased.
Nov. 14, 1917. 46-49

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The County Board of Commissioners will elect a Steward of the Poor Farm for the year 1918 at its next meeting, to be held Friday, December 7, 1917, at the lowest responsible bidder, reserving the right to reject any bid. All applicants must submit their bids to the Board on or before the 7th day of December, 1917, and such bids must be sealed and must state the age of the applicant, the members of his family, and each of their ages.

S. N. HUGHES,
County Supervisor.
Test: M. R. McDonald,
Clerk of Board.
Nov. 22, 1917. 47-4 9

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Books of Registration for Municipal Election for Town of Walhalla, S. C., are now open for the registration of qualified electors in said municipality. It is necessary to present county registration certificate and evidence of the payment of all taxes due before a municipal registration certificate can be issued; residence in the State for two years and within the corporate limits of the Town of Walhalla for a period of four months prior to the election are also necessary qualifications. Books of Registration are now open and will remain open until Saturday, the 8th day of December, 1917. Supervisor's office is in the Enterprise Bank.

GEORGE SEABORN,
Supervisor of Registration.

Against the \$797,630,000 Federal reserve notes outstanding, the law requires a gold reserve of 40 per cent, or \$319,052,000. But the gold actually held to secure them, in the hands of the reserve agent or the reserve board, amounts to \$560,111,000.

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