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SUPERINTENDENT GEO. PITTS WRITES CONCERNING SCHOOL CONDITIONS.

In Letter to State Superintendent Swearingen, Advancement, Improvement and Development of Schools in Laurens County Make Excellent Showing.

In addition to his regular report to the state superintendent of education for the past fiscal year, Supt. Pitts of Laurens county has written the following letter to Mr. Swearingen, commenting somewhat on the conditions in this county at the present time: Supt. J. E. Swearingen, Columbia, S. C.

My dear Sir:—Your letter just received asking for a short supplementary report to be included in your 41st annual report. Below I give a short report of the educational work and progress along a few important lines.

The Results of the Educational Campaign: The educational campaign was well attended by teachers, trustees and patrons of Laurens county. The addresses were strong, practical, full of thought, and very interesting. The results of the meeting were felt at once, and its influence still lives. This meeting was a great stimulant to local taxation, more efficient teachers, better buildings, and longer terms.

The Work of the School Improvement Association: This department of the school work is doing its part along the line of advancement. On a drive through the rural districts one can see the effects of this department in every school district. The buildings and grounds are everywhere being improved and beautified, which is the direct fruits of this department of school work.

The Rural School Problem: The rural school problem is a subject for much thought and discussion in Laurens county. We have one district without a white school; three with very small schools, while all the other districts are in good condition. The high school act, the Garris fund, and local taxation are fast solving this problem.

The State Appropriation for Weak Schools: The county recognizes this as the best appropriation the state has ever made. We realize that it is reaching the people who really need assistance. We have received a liberal share of the Garris fund. It will be the means of many months of good school to the rural children. It is a great stimulant to local taxation and private subscription. It is earnestly hoped by the people of the county that this fund will be increased.

Examinations and Certificates: The number of applicants for certificates by means of examinations have been few. The examination and certification of teachers is very unsatisfactory to the county board, teachers and trustees. We trust that a decided change for the better will be made at an early date.

Local Taxation: This part of our school work is certainly encouraging. We have 66 districts including the specials. Of this number 42 are paying a special school levy; 17 of the 42 have voted the levy since last June. The increased interest on the part of patrons is clearly seen from these figures. The Garris fund has stimulated the voting of local tax.

No Discount of School Claims: We have to borrow a little money for a few months in order to pay the warrants as they come in. The salary of teachers is too small and to compel them to discount the claims is a disgrace to any county.

Buildings Erected: Four new houses were erected this past summer; five were remodeled. The people are wide awake along this line. With the exception of three districts we have good houses; well lighted, well heated, and well furnished.

Rural Libraries: The libraries in the rural districts are an education within themselves. The children and patrons are reading. We have only a very few schools that are without the library. Steps are being taken to put libraries in those schools. The libraries are being enlarged in many places. In a great many places the children are so interested that they go to work and raise money to purchase new books.

Enrollment and Attendance: Our schools as a whole opened much earlier this year than ever before, and will run longer. The patrons are beginning to see the need of an education

and do not keep their children at home as they did previously. Our enrollment is much larger than the previous years, and the attendance much better.

High Schools: We now have eight high schools. Four of these were established last summer. They are all doing good work, and will mean a great deal for the boys and girls in the county. Two or three other places will make application for high schools next summer. The \$3,000.00 appropriation to Laurens county does not meet the demand.

Local Taxation, increased demand for more efficient teachers, better buildings and apparatus, increased enrollment and attendance, longer terms, and a general awakening of interest along all the school lines are points of encouragement.

GEO. L. PITTS,
County Supt. of Education,
Laurens, S. C.

Nov. 27th, 1909.
The points noted by Mr. Pitts indicate most remarkable development and improvement in the schools of Laurens county. There are but a few people who realize the changes that have taken place; the above letter will give some idea of the advances.

How's This.
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by his firm. Walding, Kinnah & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Caine and Pitts' Sale.
The special sale at the Caine & Pitts Furniture Co. is still going on. Those in need of anything in their line will find it to their interest to get their prices before buying elsewhere.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.
The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is most instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

Advertised Letters.
Booker, James; Cunningham, Albert; Depot, Gary; Davis, Miss Cora; Freeman, Willie; Foster, Miss Mahala; James, Mrs. Mary L.; Keapper, E. H.; Knight, R. E. B.; Littlejohn, Robert; Larf, G. F.; Murry, Mrs. Mammie; Mitchell, Miss Martha; Owings, Miss Bee; Summer, Miss Marie; Witts, Miss Martha.

The above letters have remained in this office for the period of two weeks ending Dec. 4th 1909. The owners of these will please call at the General Delivery window and upon the receipt of one cent same will be delivered to them.

Respectfully,
Geo. S. McCravy, P. M.

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor
besides this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman, writes Mrs. O. Rhineault, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50c at Laurens Drug Co. & Palmetto Drug Co.

Dr. Wallace Moves To Laurens.
Dr. J. M. Wallace, who has for some years practiced his profession in Birmingham, Ala. has been in the city for the past week, with the view of locating here. He has decided to move to Laurens, and has rented an office in the Dial-Gray block on West Main street. Dr. Wallace is the son of Mr. T. B. Wallace, superintendent of the Watts cotton mills, and for the present will make his home, at the mill with his father.

Rev. C. Lewis F lower and Rev. S. R. Brock of Clinton were in the city last Friday.

DECEMBER FARMING.

1. Sow rye on uncovered lands. Begin breaking tough clay or sods lands for next season's crops, plowing just a little deeper than you have been doing heretofore.

2. Haul out all manure and spread it on the soil; clean up the barnyard and get every bit of humus and plant food out where it will do good.

3. Clean off the fields; get rid of bushes and weeds. Get a stump-puller or some dynamite and blow out the stumps.

4. Drain the wet lands that have not been producing anything. Tile is best; next, stones or pine poles; third open ditches and terraces.

5. Set out fruit trees, grape vines, shade trees, shrubbery and hardy perennial vines and flowers.

6. If there is San Jose scale in your orchard, spray the trees with lime-sulphur wash. If in doubt about the scale, send infested twigs to your experiment station.

7. Kill the hogs as soon as they are in condition; and make just as much high-quality bacon, lard, sausage etc., as possible from them. A fancy product always brings a good price.

8. See that the barn is made comfortable for the stock, and that the poultry houses are tight on three sides and clean everywhere.

9. See that the house is as snug and cozy as it can be made. Look with special care to the kitchen, water supply, and the woodpile.

10. Get some books or bulletins and study farming. Give the children good books and papers, some games and some music.

11. Send to our advertisers for catalogs of machinery, stock, etc., and see what they have to say.

12. Make a study of your farm, and decide upon a definite rotation and a definite plan of work for next year.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending for medicines vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the most serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

CONCERT WAS DISAPPOINTING.

The Peterson Sisters Failed to Make Good in Laurens.

The entertainment given by the Peterson sisters at the graded school auditorium last Thursday evening was distinctly disappointing from every standpoint. The program was poor in almost every detail, and the performers were by no means accomplished, either in instrumental or vocal music.

The first number, the overture, was decidedly poor, and as the entertainment progressed the bad impression was never overcome. The musical instruments used were not calculated to make a good orchestra; the voices were not even fair. In most of the quartettes the instrumental accompaniment were used, and the reason for this became apparent when the ladies tried to sing "Annie Laurie" without the instruments; they simply couldn't sing, and the accompaniment covered up the errors and helped give volume to the voices. The quartette broke down in "Annie Laurie" and got a fit of the giggles; of course, they behaved like college sophomores.

However, Mrs. Merritt sang very well; she has a fairly good soprano voice and was by long odds the best of the company. And then, the "Chinese Love Song" was passably good, as was also, the recitation "The Bowleg Boy" by Miss Esther Peterson.

Aside from these two, the performance was rather a bore.

For That Dull Feeling After Eating.
I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating—David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at Laurens Drug Co's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

BURGLARS AT PRINCETON.

W. M. Wood's Store Robbed—Dr. C. Q. West To Move to Greenville.

Princeton, Dec. 4th.—On last Sunday morning the people were shocked to learn that burglars had been at work in the community during the night. They broke into the store of W. M. Wood's and took a quantity of flour and various things.

Rev. A. M. Sexton of Greenville and Miss Mary Allen of Honea Path visited Dr. C. Q. West this week.

Misses Maude Machen and Kiddie Arnold, in company with Mr. John Machen, went to Laurens to spend a few days with relatives.

Rev. Foster Speer spent this week in Ware Shoals closing up his year's work. He goes to conference which meets in Abbeville next week.

Miss Bessie McCuen has gone to Abbeville to spend a few days with relatives.

The family of Dr. C. Q. West will move to Greenville next week. He will remain here for a while yet. Dr. Britt of Troy will come the week before the holidays.

Mr. Augustus Anderson of Ware Shoals is spending a while with his sister Mrs. F. L. Bramblett.

Mr. A. J. Sullivan went to Laurens Wednesday on business.

Professor Cork has arranged for a series of lectures during this session of school. The first lecture will be next Friday night Dec. 10th, delivered by Dr. Moffat of Due West.

The friends of the school have offered a prize to the pupil making the highest average for the month of December.

Capt. Humbert, Messrs Salpes, and Ridgeway are connecting their telephone line with the switchboard here.

Alone in Saw Mill At Midnight.

Unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as Night Watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle" he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe Colds, stubborn Coughs, Inflamed throats and sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Croup and Whooping Cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free, guaranteed by Laurens Drug Co. & Palmetto Drug Co.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Alice Fuller desires to thank her neighbors and the members of the Woodman of the World for sympathy and assistance extended on the occasion of the death and burial of her husband, Mr. Jesse V. Fuller.

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face, Cures Pimples, Sores, Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infallible for Piles. 25c at Laurens Drug Co. & Palmetto Drug Co.

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Real Estate Offerings

169½ acres of land bounded by lands of Bryson place, Bee Bailey, Hamps Holland and others; 5 room dwelling, 2 tenant houses; good barn and out-buildings; known as the old Ferguson place, owned at present by Will B. Martin. Has sown 14 bushels of wheat, 10 bushels of oats.—Price \$27.50 per acre. Terms easy.

209 acres of land four miles of Laurens, known as the Jerry farm; has good dwellings and outbuildings; well supplied with tenant houses; has fine pasture. This farm is nicely located and is in state of cultivation well adapted for grain and cotton; price \$7,000; terms made easy; will also sell the stock consisting of mules, cattle, and farming tools at reduced price to any persons desiring to purchase this farm.

83 acres of land close to Beulah Church on the dividing line of Greenville and Laurens with an eight room dwelling, one tenant house, also good out buildings and fine pasture. This place is known as the Thaddeus Babb homestead; Price \$33 1-3 per acre; terms made easy.

103½ acres of land near Warrior creek church with five room cottage two tenant houses and fine pasture. This is a fine farm nicely located and well improved; price \$35 per acre. Terms made easy.

One lot on Main street, close to the Public square; six room, modern dwelling; water, lights and sewerage. A nice home. Price \$5,000.

246 acres of land in Dial's township, known as the Capt. Switzer place; six room cottage, 2 tenant houses, fine barn and outbuildings. Price \$20 acre.

92½ acres land near Tumbling Shoals; bounded by lands of W. D. and J. G. Sullivan; 8 room dwelling; good outbuildings. Price \$22.50 per acre.

223 acres land, bounded by lands of Daniel South, Davis land, Miss West and others, known as the Cullen Lark homestead, 7 room dwelling and 3 tenant houses. Prices made right. Terms easy.

71 acres on Reedy River, bounded by lands of James Downey, Will Caldwell and others. With tenant house, Price, \$20 per acre. Terms made easy.

2½ acres of land, 6 room cottage nicely located in the town of Gray Court, with one of the finest wells of water in town. Price, \$2,300.

8 room dwelling, on Centennial St., Clinton, S. C., with 81 hundredths of an acre of land, known as the Griffin place. Price, \$4,000.

50 acres of land in Fountain Inn, nicely located; price, \$2,500.

325 acres land 4 miles of Cross Hill, known as the old Campbell place. Price \$15 per acre. Easy terms.

3 acres of land in the town of Whitmire, S. C., nicely situated, suitable for dwelling lots. Price, \$1,000.

150 acres land, one-half mile of Dial church, with a handsome dwelling, 3 tenant houses and good outbuildings. Come quick if you want this place. Price \$50 per acre.

52 acres of land just outside of the corporate limits of the town of Gray Court, with one tenant house. Price \$59 per acre.

Two acre lot in the town of Gray Court, with 7 room dwelling, nicely located. Price \$2,500.

167 acres of land bounded by lands M. H. Holder, W. D. Abercrombie, and others; 8 room dwelling, 3 tenant houses, fine corn mill in good running order with 75 horse water power. Price \$25.00 per acre. Terms: \$1,000 cash, remainder in five equal installments.

175 acres known as old Goodwyn place, has 8 room dwelling, 3 tenant houses, fine corn mill in good running order with 75 horse water power. Price \$4,500. Terms made easy.

65 acres of land, with dwelling, good barn and out-buildings, near Owings. Price \$3,500; terms made easy.

144 acres bounded by lands of Jeff Davis and Herbert Martin; 3 good tenant houses, and good barn. Price \$50 per acre.

100 acres of land, with five room dwelling, 3-room tenant house, good out buildings, near Hickory Tavern, Sullivan township. Price \$15.00 per acre.

117 acres of land near Gray Court, bounded by lands of E. T. Shell, W. E. Gray; seven room cottage, fine barn and outbuildings and fine pasture. Price \$60 per acre.

89 acres of land in one mile of the town of Gray Court, with two dwellings. Price \$40 per acre.

348 acres of land near Rabun Creek church, 8-room dwelling, three tenant houses. Price \$32.50 per acre.

60 acres in Dial township, bounded by lands of Pluk Hellams, Ludy Bolt and R. C. Wallace. Price \$1,200.

140 acres bounded by lands of Y. C. Hellams and Mitchell Owens, in 3 miles of Laurens; 2 dwellings and out buildings. Price \$35 per acre.

2 acres in town of Gray Court; nice building site. Price \$500.00.

127 acres land in Sullivan township, 9 room dwelling, good out buildings, 1 tenant house. Price \$30 per acre.

100 acres of land in Youngs township, 11 room dwelling, two tenant houses, good barn. Price \$2,250.

59 acres of land in town of Lanford, with tenant house, at \$50.00 per acre.

200 acres of land near Durbin Creek church, bounded by lands of W. T. Parks and Laurens White; 3 tenant houses, well timbered, good state of cultivation. Price \$30.00 per acre.

J. N. Leak

Real Estate, Stocks and Bonds. Gray Court, S. C.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 8th day of Jan. 1910. We will render a final account of our acts and doings as Administrators of the estate of E. G. Mitchell, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and on the same day will apply for a discharge from our trust as Administrators.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

E. E. Simpson,
E. E. Mitchell,
Administrators.

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