

EDUCATIONAL WEEK IN WILLIAMSBURG

CHAIRMAN WESTMORELAND STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAM TO SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

At the educational conference held in Columbia, November 11th and 12th under the auspices of the Citizens Educational Association, S. A. Graham, chairman, Heinemann, County Superintendent M. F. Montgomery, Kingstree; City Superintendent J. W. Swittenberg, Kingstree; Mrs. E. T. Kelley, Kingstree, P. H. Stoll were appointed members of the executive committee, Williamsburg county, to supervise and celebrate Education Week December 3-9. It is imperative that this committee get in touch with each other and hold a meeting at the earliest possible moment, is pointed out in a communication to The County Record signed by Messrs J. R. Westmoreland, chairman of the Central Committee of Citizens Educational association.

Mr. Westmoreland's letter further states that "The Central Committee, which is a merger of the organization and information committees, appointed a prominent business or professional man as county chairman. The other four members consist of the county superintendent of education, the city or town superintendent, at the county seat, an active club woman, and a representative of the American Legion. In the observance of Education Week you are authorized and requested to enlist the assistance of every leading educator, business or professional man, woman's club, the American Legion, the American Legion auxiliaries, and various other civic and patriotic organizations of the county and state to come to your aid in making this the most effective educational campaign ever conducted in your county. While every phase of educational work should be stressed, it was the sense of the conference in Columbia to make the rural schools the special objective. You should, therefore, magnify their importance and arouse the rural population to their undivided support.

"While the celebration of Education Week should terminate with one grand educational mass meeting at the county seat on Saturday, December 9th, there should be held during the week a series of rallies in the various districts in the county. As a starter, it is suggested that every minister of the gospel be asked to preach upon the importance of education on Sunday, December 3rd. The time, place and programs of the district rallies, as well as those for the big mass meeting on Saturday, will be arranged by your committee and you are charged jointly and severally with the success of the educational campaign in your county.

"Your committee should see that resolutions containing the unqualified financial support of the schools by the General Assembly are adopted at the Grand Rally on Saturday, and a certified copy of these sent to the members of your county delegation urging them to make adequate appropriations to carry out all the school laws now on the statute books."

Venerable Citizen Died Suddenly.

Trio, Nov. 21.—Mr. C. J. Thompson, who lived about four miles from Trio died suddenly at his home last Thursday morning. He had been a sufferer for many years from high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries.

He was about seventy years old, a member of the Missionary Baptist church at Taft, a faithful friend, and a devoted husband and father. Besides his widow, one son and four daughters survive him.

In failing health for a long time, he had often prayed that he might die "with his shoes on," rather than burden his family by a long illness. He suddenly expired while walking in the yard. He had been picking peas, and becoming tired, had started to the house to rest. The end came before he could reach the house.

Congressman P. H. Stoll writes The County Record that he has a limited supply of vegetable and flower seed for distribution among his constituents and will be glad to forward packages to anyone who will apply to him for same. The supply is limited and Mr. Stoll says he will not be able to make general distribution. The seed will be distributed early next spring.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

For Tobacco and Cotton Association Members.

At a meeting of representative members of the tobacco and cotton association in Kingstree on Tuesday it was decided to organize local in several communities in the county. It is urged upon every member to attend the meeting that is closest to him.

Meetings will be held at the following places:
Suttons, Thursday, November 23, 7 p. m.
Cades, Friday, November 24, 7 p. m.
Nesmith, Monday, November 27, 8 p. m.
Indiantown, Tuesday, November 28, 8 p. m.
Cedar Swamp, Wednesday, November 29, 8 p. m.
Spring Branch, Friday, December 1, 7 p. m.
Rock Branch, Saturday, December 2, 7 p. m.
Earles, Monday, December 4, 7 p. m.

COMPLAINT IS SERVED

In Suit Brought by Wife of Former Governor Blease.

The complaint in a suit for \$100,000 brought by Mrs. Lillie S. Blease, wife of former Governor Cole L. Blease against the estate of the late Benjamin L. Abney, has been served upon Stephen Elliott, of Columbia, attorney in fact of John R. Abney, of New York, who, with his sister, Mrs. Lula Hunter, of Atlanta, is the principal beneficiary of the estate, it was stated tonight by D. W. Robinson, counsel for Mrs. Blease.

The late B. L. Abney, for years division counsel for the Southern Railway, left an estate valued at approximately \$750,000 at his death, which occurred November 11, 1921, at the home of former Governor and Mrs. Blease. In her complaint Mrs. Blease alleges that he promised during his life time to pay her and remember her in his will for her care of him during his residence in her home, which, it is stated, began while Mr. Blease was governor and continued until Mr. Abney's death last year.

Mrs. A. L. Carter Passes Suddenly.

Mrs. Carrie Miller Carter, wife of A. L. Carter and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller of Kingstree, died suddenly at her home in the Salters community from an attack of influenza Thursday night.

She had been ill only about 48 hours, double pneumonia developing shortly after she had taken to her bed. In young womanhood Mrs. Carter had learned telegraphy and only recently was in charge of the office of the Western Union Telegraph company at this place. She was a very capable woman and beloved by all who knew her for her exemplary traits of character.

She is survived by her husband and four small children of her own and four adopted ones, also by her parents. Interment was in the Williamsburg cemetery here Friday afternoon, funeral services being conducted by the Rev. F. C. Hawkins of the Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member. The floral offerings that covered her grave were a meagre attestation of the esteem in which she was held.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. A. L. Carter and L. D. Odom Pass to Reward.

Mr. Lawrence D. Odom, aged 72, died unexpectedly here Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The deceased came to Kingstree from Bamberg six years ago and has since made this his home. Several years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered. A few days prior to his death he fell in his bath room and received an injury to his hip which is believed to have hastened the end. He is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Lela Sandiford of Bamberg, also two daughters, Mrs. L. S. Dennis and Miss Myrtle Odom, both of this place. Mr. Odom was a member of the Methodist church and his funeral was conducted at the residence Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. R. W. Speigner, assisted by Rev. F. C. Hawkins, of the Baptist church. Interment was made in the Williamsburg cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful and attested the esteem in which this venerable citizen was held.

MASS MEETING HELD TUESDAY

TOBACCO AND COTTON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS DISCUSS ORGANIZATION PLANS.

A mass meeting of influential cotton and tobacco growers of Williamsburg county was held at the court house Tuesday to take preliminary steps toward organizing local units throughout the county. The Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association and the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association together with the Extension Service of Clemson College are working together to form these community or school house organization.

From these various local units a county organization will be formed Tuesday, December 5th.

Mr. T. M. Cathcart presided at the preliminary meeting. The Tobacco Growers' Association was represented by W. E. Lea, of the Field Service Division. E. C. Brown of the Cotton Growers Association was present and made some valuable suggestions.

The object in forming these local and county units was explained by Messrs Lea and Cathcart.

Besides the social advantages and promoting community interest, and studying community problems, it was pointed out that these local units would be of wonderful advantage to the membership in keeping them in close touch with the doings of the associations; correcting false reports; studying cost of production; improved methods of production and grading; developing community leaders; increasing the membership and doing good work with the extension service of the county.

Places of meetings and dates were arranged for the organization of local units and will be found in another column in this newspaper.

Items From Indiantown.

Indiantown, Nov. 20.—Misses Lucy Eaddy and Mary Pope of Hemingway, were the attractive week-end guests of Miss Gertrude Stuckey.

Miss Mildred Wilson of Kingstree, is spending a few days here with her parents.

Mrs. C. C. Daniel has gone to Greenwood to visit her daughters, Margaret and Dorothy, students of Lander College, who are sick with dengue fever.

Mr. Thomas of Lake City, was a visitor at Indiantown Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. John Snowden and Frank Wilson went to Plantersville Friday. Mr. Henry Bartell of the University of South Carolina, spent the week-end here with his parents.

Messrs. W. J., and Clemler Bartell, M. M. Wilson attended the Carolina Furman football game at Florence Friday afternoon.

Mr. G. H. Lovett had the misfortune of breaking his arm while cranking his car at Plantersville Thursday night, where he and his father had gone on a fishing trip.

Mr. W. A. Moss went to Florence Saturday on business, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Munnerlyn of Choppee, spent Sunday here with her mother. The young folks of this community enjoyed an informal dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rollins on Thursday night.

County Teachers Meeting.

The Williamsburg County Teachers' association held its first meeting for the present school year in Kingstree, on Saturday, November 18th. There were about fifty-five (55) teachers present from all parts of the county. The following officers were elected: W. D. Halfacre, president; A. R. Register, vice-president; S. P. Stackley, secretary-treasurer. These officers will have charge of the association during the present school year.

Mr. D. L. Lewis, state supervisor of rural schools, addressed the teachers. His remarks were timely and practical, and will be of great help to the teachers in their school room problems.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mother's Club of Kingstree served lunch.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on December 16th, at Kingstree.

The following teachers were appointed to get up the program for the occasion: Miss Lilla Babb, Mrs. M. F. Montgomery and Mr. S. P. Stackley.

FARMERS OUTLINE FIGHT ON WEEVIL

PLAN TO GROW COTTON UNDER PEST CONDITIONS.

Scientific farmers and farm experts meeting in Columbia Saturday at the call of Governor Harvey, discussed the boll weevil situation in South Carolina and as a result of the conference outlined a definite program to be followed by all cotton growers profitably under weevil conditions, it was said, but a small acreage must be planted so that it can be given close attention. The need for growing food crops sufficient to care for man and beast was stressed and the opinion was voiced that the day of absentee ownership has passed. The white brain is needed to raise cotton under weevil conditions, and the ordinary negro laborer is not able to cope with the pest unless under white guidance, it was said.

The following recommendations to the cotton growers of the state were adopted unanimously:

"Destroy the weevil's winter quarters by plowing under cotton and corn stalks and by cleaning terraces, ditch banks and other trash on the farm.

"Prepare land early and thoroughly. Plant best seed of approved varieties. Among the best varieties are Lightning Express, Cleveland Big Boll, Delta type and (on wilt-infested land) Dixie Triumph.

"Use fertilizers sufficient such as should make an average bale per acre in an average season, without the presence of the weevil. This varies on individual farms. Make side applications of soda early before first blooms appear.

"Plant as soon as ground is warm. All cotton in a given community should be planted at about the same time (from the first to the middle of April).

"Practice frequent shallow cultivation to keep up fruiting. Practice thick spacing.

"Practice early square picking if cheap labor is available. This must be done very thoroughly every five days if possible in order to be effective.

"Definite recommendations on poisoning are deferred, for future consideration by this conference, until after the proposed conferences at Washington has been held to determine upon the general policy to be recommended for 1923.

"Develop a fertile soil as the best asset for farming under boll weevil conditions."

News From Trio.

Trio, Nov. 21.—Miss Mabel Jackson, principal of the Aimwell school, met with a painful accident last Wednesday. While on the way to school she tripped over a piece of barbed wire which was lying on the ground, falling and cutting her knee severely on a piece of glass. She was hurriedly taken in an automobile to Andrews for treatment, where the wound was dressed by Dr. DuBose. Three stitches had to be taken. We are glad to report that the injured member is now healing nicely.

On Wednesday of last week the roof of Mrs. J. A. Salters' kitchen was badly damaged by fire. Sparks from the chimney fell on the dry shingles and the flames spread rapidly. As soon as the alarm was given several men rushed to the spot with buckets of water, and the fire was put out before the main roof caught.

Mayor W. T. Rowell spent last Wednesday in Charleston.

Mrs. M. A. Pate has returned to her home in Walterboro.

Mrs. J. A. Salters is visiting relatives in Lake City.

W. P. Moore, Jr., of Charleston, is spending a few days with his parents here.

Mrs. J. Norwood Register and her two little children have returned from Andrews, where they were the guests of Mrs. E. L. Powell.

Mr. Smith, a representative of the Southern Fruit Co., was in Trio last week on business.

Mr. R. E. Register of Lanes, tie inspector of the A. C. L. railroad, has been visiting relatives here, accompanied by his wife and little son, Robert.

Mr. W. H. Harper went to Georgetown Monday on a business trip.

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WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOLS.

State Inspector Submits Report on Their Condition.

Following is the report of State Inspector of Rural schools D. L. Lewis made to State Superintendent of Education on the condition of schools in Williamsburg county.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 20, 1922. Hon. J. E. Swearingen.

Dear Sir: I give below review of school conditions in Williamsburg county, as seen in the course of a visit made during week ending November 18.

On November 14 the County Superintendent and I visited the following schools:

Wayside, a two-teacher school; Carlisle, a two-teacher school; Cades, a three-teacher school; Rough Branch, a one-teacher school; and Indiantown, a school of three teachers.

On November 15 we visited Mouzon, a one-teacher school; Bethel, a one-teacher school; Hebron, a school of four teachers; Pergamos, a three-teacher school; and Aimwell, a one-teacher school.

November 16 we visited Cedar Swamp, a four-teacher school; Central, a two-teacher school; Bloomingdale, a school with two teachers; Marion Branch, a one-teacher school; and Piny Forest, a two-teacher school.

November 17 we visited Gamble, a two-teacher school; Mulberry, a school with two teachers; and Lanes, a four-teacher school.

At Wayside we found an excellent new building, recently erected. The people of this progressive community are to be commended. The people of the Gamble section are likewise to be congratulated on their neat two-teacher building just completed.

We found the teaching corps, in almost every case, a body of earnest, hard-working people, getting good results in their teaching. In two schools the discipline was not good. It follows that the work of the schools was not good; there can be no good work without discipline. Teachers should have good discipline, otherwise their work will go down as a failure.

In several schools the pupils were not reading well. This was perhaps due to two causes, possibly three. The pupils may have been promoted without being prepared; they may do little or no reading outside of the schoolroom; or the teachers may not be teaching reading well. In case the pupils do not read well, the teacher should concentrate on this subject, as all other subjects are sealed books unless the pupils can read and get the thought from what they read.

Some history teaching was observed, where the teachers had prepared their recitations, but were not getting response from the pupils. The trouble seemed to be that not enough was expected or required of the pupils, and the teachers were trying to do all the work for them. It is not well to do too much lecturing to classes in history in the intermediate and high school grades; the pupils will not pay attention, and nobody except the teacher derives any benefit. The history lesson should be so prepared by the teacher that questions provoking thought on the part of the pupils will take the place of the lecture. These questions should develop logically every point in the lesson, and the pupils should be expected and required to know the answers.

The teacher should do some parallel reading, so that they can narrate interesting related facts to their history classes, and thus make the subject live and interesting to the class. Geography should be taught in the same manner, and history and geography should always be correlated, maps and other geographical helps being used in the history teaching, and stories from history being used to make geography interesting.

In some schools "pupils are not being given sufficient drill on the analysis and parsing of sentences. Without such drill, the value of technical English grammar is very doubtful, whereas, when analysis and parsing are thoroughly taught, it constitutes the finest kind of mental training. Furthermore, without a thorough knowledge on the part of pupils of sentence construction, they cannot acquire the finer mechanics of composition, as they will have no standard by which to determine whether the sentences making up their composition are grammatically correct.

Too much of the time of the pupils should not be taken in tests. If the daily recitations are thorough, tests or examinations two or three times during the term are sufficient.

GROVER CROOKS LEAVES PRISON

GOVERNOR CAN NOT REVOKE PAROLE WHEN TIME LIMIT IS UP.

In an opinion handed down Monday, the state supreme court, in the case of Grover Crooks, who was suing for habeas corpus held that a parole issued by the governor of South Carolina to convicts did not suspend their sentences but that with the parole; or, in effect, that the prisoner was still in the custody of the state but without his prison bounds under executive sanction. The court instructed Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the state penitentiary, to turn Crooks back to the sheriff of Oconee county because the revocation of Crooks' parole by Governor Harvey on September 13, 1922, was not legal.

The opinion was written by Associate Justice J. H. Marion and is an exhaustive treatise on the pardoning power of the governor. It was concurred in by the other members of the court with the exception of Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary, who merely stated that he dissented, without giving his reasoning.

Under the weight of the decision, when a convict is paroled, his sentence continues to run, and, regardless of the stipulations surrounding his freedom, when this sentence has expired he is without the custody of the state. Until clarified by the court, the general conception of a parole was that the prisoner could be re-possessed by the state during the time of his natural life for violation of any of the stipulations of the parole.

Since parole was grafted into the law in 1909 by statutory provision, it has been a favorite mode of clemency with South Carolina governors; for the reason that they supposed the stipulations in the grant would have to be lived up to, putting a deterrent in the path of a return to crime otherwise the convict would have to complete his interrupted sentence. However, the supreme court through its decision holds this to be a false doctrine.

In some states in which the parole system is in effect there is a statutory provision, providing for merely a suspended sentence when a parole is granted, and the prisoner can be re-incarcerated at any time for just cause. Although he had nothing to say for publication concerning the opinion, it is probable that Governor Harvey, when he drafts his message to the General Assembly, will ask that statutory hedges be put around paroles granted in the future. In the granting of a parole there is no return of citizenship, which is the case when a pardon is given; and the majority of governors seem averse to giving a full pardon, except when there is shown to be a flagrant miscarriage of justice.

The opinion of Justice Marion goes into full history of the Crooks case and he cites copious authorities on which the reasoning of the courts is bottomed.

The American debt funding commission was advised today by the Rumanian financial mission that Rumania is liable at present to set a date when it may begin the payment of interest on its \$41,000,000 war debt to this country.

The same thing may be said as to school entertainments. These entertainments are good things, but they should not be allowed to interfere with the school work.

It is hoped that the people of Williamsburg county will do away as far as they can with their one-teacher schools. It will never be possible to educate the country children in those schools.

The people of the county are to be congratulated on the following evidences of school progress: Spring Gully, 4 mills; Wee Nee, 4 mills; Marion Branch, 6 mills; Hemingway, 7 mills.

Bond issues for new buildings: Oak Ridge, Piny Forest, Marion Branch, Wee Nee.

New buildings: Two constructed. New negro buildings: Three constructed.

New white schools to be constructed at once: Three.

Consolidations: Sandy Bay with Hebron; Carlisle; Spring Branch with Hebron.

D. L. Lewis.