

## OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Badin Public Schools

The Badin Public Schools opened September 16, with an enrollment of 350 for the white school and 86 for the colored school. This year's record shows an increase in the white schools of one hundred per cent. over the opening date of the first year of school.

#### Total Enrollment by Years

	Boys	Girls	Total
1916-1917	134	132	256
1917-1918	263	274	537

#### First Day—September 18

1918-1919	182	203	385
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The Badin School is fortunate this year in having a corps of trained and efficient teachers. Most of them are North Carolinians, who have taught in various parts of the State, and they all agree that they are lucky in having so modernly equipped and handsome a building in which to work. They are justly proud of it.

Miss Bessie Cauble, Black Mountain, N. C., is Principal, as well as teacher of Science and Manual Training. Miss Lois Bell teaches first grade, and is Primary Supervisor.

The Primary teachers are: First Grade, Miss Ouida Watson, Carthage, N. C., Mrs. Hoffman, Badin, N. C.; Second Grade, Miss Isabel Vann, Badin, N. C., Miss Edna Brown, China Grove, N. C.; Third Grade, Miss Marie Norwood, South Boston, Va.

Miss Etta Schiffman has fourth grade and supervision of drawing in the grammar grades; Miss Cordia Wall, Sophia, N. C., has fifth grade and geography in grammar school.

The departmental teachers are: Miss Claude Umstead, Durham, N. C., History; Miss Ruth Harris, Fayetteville, N. C., English; Miss Louis Whitley, Albemarle, N. C., Mathematics and Physical Culture; Miss Eleanor Robertson, Rowland, N. C., Household Arts; Miss Susan Green, Thomasville, N. C., Music.

Miss Green also teaches a private class in piano, for the benefit of anyone in Badin desiring to study music.

#### The School System

The school system of Badin is organized thru the tenth grade. Next year the eleventh grade will be added. Departmental work begins in the sixth grade, and continues thru the tenth.

The system includes Kindergarten, Elementary school, Junior high school, High school, Continuation school, and Night school.

The kindergarten and continuation school are being offered this year for the first time.

The kindergarten is a school based on play. The child gains, thru play, self-control and power to think. He can be himself while being one of a community of workers, toward whom he assumes duties and obligations. Children between the ages of five and six will be admitted.

The continuation school is a part-time school for pupils unable to attend full-time school.

The most critical time of life—physically, mentally, and morally—lies between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. It is then that both opportunity and danger knock at every door. At this time, when our boys and girls should be in school, many are enlisting in our great industrial army; many find themselves forced to become the breadwinners of the family. That the youth of Badin, who must leave school and go to work, may not be deprived of all educational advantages, the Tallassee Power Company is giving eight hours per week, with full pay, for attendance at school. The school is providing courses in science, English, mathematics, and history for these pupils, endeavoring to give them a broader outlook, to stimulate them mentally, and to inspire them to go forward. All employees twenty years and under are eligible.

The draft has awakened America to the dangers of neglect of physical development. Good health is one of a nation's greatest assets, and should be the birthright of every child. The school, thru the conditions with which it surrounds its pupils, the medical supervision it provides, the school nurse's work, the playground equipment, and school lunches served, is endeavoring to raise the standard of the health of the children. The Medical supervision is under the direction of Dr. W. T. Rainey. Miss Engle, the Community nurse, will assist.

#### Manual Arts

The course in Manual Arts includes cabinet-making, sheet metal work, and concrete mixing. The purpose of this course is to make the work educational rather than vocational; to give knowledge

and appreciation of tools and their uses; to let the boy find himself.

#### Department of Household Arts

Domestic Art gives the girls a practical knowledge of the stitches and processes of sewing.

Domestic Science work consists of (1) care and handling of equipment, (2) cost and preparation of plain, wholesome food, (3) comparative food values, especially war menus, (4) table setting and serving, (5) serving school lunches.

#### Drawing

1—*Mechanical*. The aim of this course is to give the pupil the ability to read understandingly a simple drawing, and to make his own drawings for manual training work.

2—*Freehand Drawing*. This course is designed to develop in the child power of observation, imagination, and self-expression. It is correlated with the other subjects so as to give a better understanding and appreciation of the work.

#### Music

About six per cent. of the school day is devoted to music. Sight reading and voice culture are included. The Victrola is used for appreciation.

All parents, who have not already done so, are urged to enroll their children at once, to see that they are in school every day, and that they always come on time.

JANE C. SULLIVAN

### Labor Day Races

The results of the Firemen's Tournament, on Labor Day, are given below. A fine showing was made all around, and the occasion was a big success. The firemen are to be congratulated on the speed and efficiency shown in the races.

#### Hand Reel Race

Machine Shop, First—Time: 37 seconds. Hose Team No. 4, Second—Time, 43½ seconds. Hose Team No. 7, Third—Time: 45½ seconds. Hose Team No. 3, Fourth—Time: 46½ seconds. Hose Team No. 6, Fifth—Time: 54 seconds.

#### Grab Reel Race

Hose Team No. 4, First—Time: 35¾ seconds. Machine Shop, Second—Time: 36¾ seconds.

#### 100-Yard Dash—Firemen Only

King, Machine Shop, First—Time: 12¾ seconds. J. H. Rinehardt (H. H.