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Editorially Speaking

WHY HAVE A SCHOOL PAPER?

Are there any specific reasons for having a school paper? Yes—there are and it is because of these reasons that we have come to the conclusion that our school shall have a paper.

Our first reason for having a paper is to give the public and especially the members of the race an idea of the program that is being put over in Eastern North Carolina. Our program consists specifically in teacher-training which is much needed in this section of the state. For instructors in this field we have some of the best trained men and women the race affords. Although many of us are laboring against unfavorable circumstances, our best efforts are being put forth in preparation so that we, too, may take our places in life.

Knowing this to be an age of daily reading and feeling that you are interested in us, gives us other reasons for publishing a school paper. It is presumed that all of you would like to know just what the younger people are thinking and there is no better way of letting you know this than through a newspaper. Our thoughts may be somewhat different from those of the matured mind, nevertheless we will assure you through the contents of this paper that the students in this little eastern corner have thoughts and are not afraid to express them.

Who has found a better way of advertising than through our daily and school papers? There are other ways, but through this medium we hope to attract the attention of the boys and girls who have not yet decided just which road to take in life. To them we extend a most hearty invitation to join us in our class room work, social functions, religious and athletic activities. We work as well as play.

Is there anyone who can tell what the future holds for us? Since today's boys and girls may be tomorrow's men and women it pays to be successful followers as well as safe and sane leaders. Yes—publishing a school paper does help the student in that it gives him wonderful avenues of expression and wonderful opportunities for the development of leadership and scholarship. We solicit your support in this effort.

THE EDITOR.

OUR DAY OF THANKS

It would be altogether unfitting for us to publish our November number without mentioning Thanksgiving Day, one of the most important holidays in America. Ever since the first Thanksgiving that was observed by the Pilgrims more than three hundred years ago, people have been returning thanks to our heavenly Father on Thanksgiving Day for the many blessings received during the year. Here at State Normal we follow the time-honored custom.

As we look back over the past year we find a number of things for which we should be thankful.

(1). We should be thankful for our school which was founded more than thirty-five years ago and today stands as one of the leading institutions for the Negro in the eastern part of North Carolina. (2). We should be thankful for the opportunities we have to profit by the advantages this school officers in training for larger service. (3). We should be thankful for our race that has made such wonderful progress in the last sixty years and for the good old North State which has done more for the advancement of education among the Negroes than any other southern state in the Union. (4). We