

WHERE BRAINS ENERGY AND UN-SELFISHNESS ABIDE.

James P. Cook, in The Uplift. I spent a day riding over Stanly county, viewing what had been accomplished in four short years by the public school authorities. I have heard so much about educational progress in Stanly, that I desired to get some firsthand knowledge of the achievement. It made me ashamed, when mentally I compared what I saw among the rural hills of Stanly with the practically neglected educational cause in Cabarrus county. Ten years ago Cabarrus county was long ways ahead of Stanly—today there no longer remains the possibility of a comparison. They are in different classes.

Sometime ago an official of the state Educational Department remarked that "there seems to be less doing educationally in Cabarrus than in any county in the state." What about Stanly, he was asked. "On fire with enthusiasm, and her achievements are little short of marvelous." Having a first-hand knowledge of conditions in the two counties, I was convinced that this departmental representative kept a close tab on educational doings in the state.

Mingling with the good folks about Albemarle, I found that the liveliest question with these awakened people is the matter of rural education. It soon developed that credit for this condition was assigned to the wisdom and activity of the county educational board and its executive officer. The character of the public schools and their success, always reflect the composition of the county board. If there is progress being had, the board is composed of competent and patriotic men; if the cause is lagging, it is a sure indication that those in charge are either incompetent or selfish or both. No cause can rise higher than its source, unless a great power is exerted from without.

When I stopped and took in the situation where a splendid brick school building, with auditorium, patent desks, complete school equipment in evidence, a great piano, had been provided for the children of a vast territory formerly composing six districts, and trucks to take care of the children, I wondered if it would not be possible to persuade the Cabarrus county Board, Messrs. Odell, McAllister and Smith, and their executive clerk, Prof. Robertson, to make an official visit to Stanly and learn the rudiments and the primary facts that govern the great educational campaign that is now going on in the state to the pride and joy of all progressive people?

Geographically these modern school buildings serve different sections of the county. We present pictorial references to only five of them; there are three others complete and three others are in the making. Last year the Board purchased 8 pianos for these modern buildings. Why should a country child not be in hearing distance of music as well as a town child—who decried that a town child deserved more privileges than a country child?

This same board purchased 1050 opera chairs for the modern school auditoriums. Has not a country gentleman as much right to be comfortable while he sits witnessing the various school entertainments as is the town gentleman. The clay that made one made the other.

During the year this same progressive board purchased 1,500 patent desks for their rural schools. Is there any reason why a town child should sit on a comfortable seat, and his country cousin be compelled to hang out on a slab bench or an awkward home-made desk?

During the year this very same progressive Stanly county board has

increased the number of school trucks to 18. Is there any reason why a little country child should toddle through mud and slush to school, and the town child carried to school in street cars, automobiles or on paved streets a-foot? One is no better than the other. That our school officials in Cabarrus may know what a school truck looks like, we have secured a cut of one that carries little Stanly county children to school in the morning and in the late afternoon carries them back to their homes. What would our people think had come over our school officials if they happened to awake and consolidate six districts into one, providing a modern building with splendid equipment and unobbed teachers to conduct a modern school in the county, and use a truck or trucks to convey the far-off pupils. Answering our own question, they would at first be jarred and finally conclude that the school officials of the county show some signs of life and a disposition to function competently and efficiently.

The school board of Stanly county is sure of the wisdom of its course—with them it is no longer a problem or an experiment. They are rejoicing in their achievements, and already the fruits of their courageous and progressive legislation is bearing great fruit.

Just this week, Prof. Reap was re-elected, having declined a \$4,000 position elsewhere. He preferred to remain to personally see the ambitious programme he and his board had mapped out brought to a successful issue.

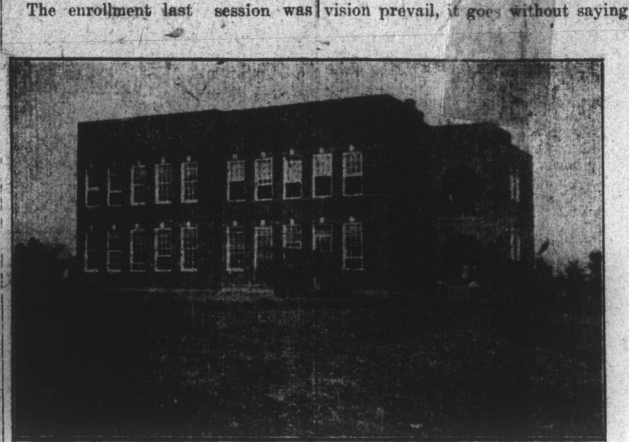
It is a glorious thing to have a real man, a competent man, in charge of a cause where helpless children confidently depend on the leadership of others. Their lives and their future are largely in their hands, and to withhold them from the best of opportunities is no less than a crime—that's the "most decent" name you can give the act.

Oh, for more Reaps and County Boards like Stanly county enjoys.

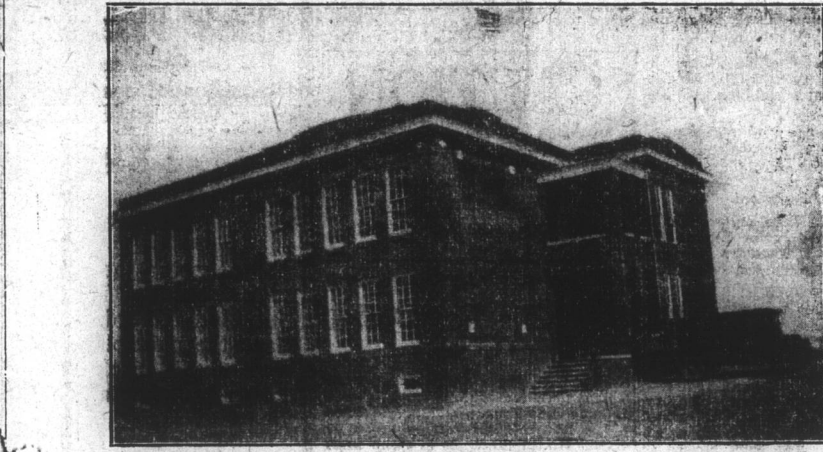
In this issue we carry pictures of five of the eight complete, modern school houses, serving consolidated districts in Stanly. At present there are eleven projects of consolidation of districts being worked out, and before a great while they will become a reality. These buildings are a proper recognition of the rights of the rural people, they speak a language of consideration, of justice, of interest, of service to fellow man, who must depend upon devoted leaders charged with a sacred duty. They are monuments to the wisdom, devotion and energy of Prof. Reap, who works in season and out of season. Such a man is a credit to a county, and no wonder Stanly county is proud of him; and just the other day they re-elected him, not that he "stands high among educators in the state, knows the county and the people," but because he recognized his responsibilities, knew his duties and went about them like a man full of good, rich blood and determination.

All this has been accomplished in four years—what was done in Stanly, could have been done in Cabarrus if the Executive officer "had made up his mind" and had energy and capacity enough to tackle a man's job. But his administration seems to have pleased the board of education and, it follows, that this sorry and sleepy administration of the educational affairs of Cabarrus county lies at the door of the board of education as much as with Prof. Judge Buxton Robertson, who "stands high among the educators of the state and knows the county and people."

building stands as a beacon light out among the hills of rural Stanly; and the people are proud of it, and love the kind of government that made it possible. The enrollment last session was 307, of whom 55 were in the high school department. Instruction in Home Economics is featured at this school. There are ten grades. And of course where such progress and vision prevail, it goes without saying



ENDY PUBLIC SCHOOL.



EAST ALBEMARLE

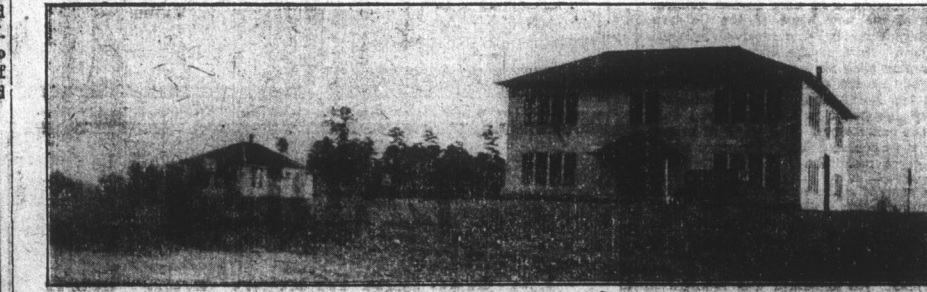
This is an attractive brick building, containing eight school rooms, and an auditorium—seating over 500 people. It serves the patronage of a territory formerly divided into six districts, each having a poorly adapted school building such as you find in Cabarrus county and other backward counties of the state. Two trucks provide for the transportation of the pupils. This elegant school building is out from Albemarle on the road leading

to the great concrete bridge across the Yadkin. The wisdom of the plan lies in the fact that the size of it may be and is to be doubled, when other districts are added to this consolidated district. The enlargement will be another unit just like the one here shown to be placed at the right of the present building, thus avoiding tearing off any of the present building or even disturbing the splendid



MILLINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This splendid brick building is the educational center for the children of a territory formerly divided into six districts with ill-adapted buildings for school purposes. That the children of this consolidated district may get to and from school without negotiating too much distance, becoming bespattered with dust or mud and avoiding exposure, three school-trucks are operated. The building contains six school rooms and auditorium with a seating capacity of more than 700. The enrollment last year was 315, of whom 60 were



OAKBORO PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Situated over a mile from the little village of Oakboro on the Norfolk & Southern railroad is this splendid public school property, which Stanly county has furnished as educational facilities for the children of a territory formerly in three districts. There are ten school rooms. The enrollment last session was 325, of whom 65 were high school pupils. Eleven grades are maintained, including musical instruction and in the faculty is a full time agricultural teacher. It is an accredited State High School.

When the rural sections are supplied with school facilities and advantages such as this educational endeavor secures, there is prevailing contentment and a spirit that makes a charm of rural living, and the call

that the building is supplied with a piano and there is instruction in music. No wonder the people are happy in their rural environment, when they see that the authorities of government are willing to hand out a square deal to them.

This is a brick building, containing eight school rooms. It serves the school purposes of a territory formerly divided into six districts. The trucks are operated for the convenience and comfort of the pupils. The enrollment last session was 307, of whom 42 were in the high school. The course covers nine (9) grades.

The building is supplied with all conveniences, has a piano and a music instructor is employed. This effort on the part of the board of education (Stanly, of course) to bring school advantages and opportunities under a favorable environment is loudly praised by the fathers and mothers of the consolidated district. There has grown out of this progress a better community spirit and a greater delight in dwelling in the rural section.

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to towns—deserting the farms for the excitement and the glitter of towns—ceases to have an influence. It is brutal to withhold from the rural children the convenience and the opportunity that they know exist in the towns where patriotic and unselfish men direct the educational cause. Any set of school officials that do not make an honest effort to meet this crying demand from the rural sections is unfit to occupy positions of honor and trust, such as the sacredness and importance of the work involved—there should be a way, if they lack sufficient pride and self-respect to vacate, to remove them from places where they are committing a sin against the rising generation.

MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Involves One of Biggest Wire and Radio Telegraph Systems in the World. Raleigh, June 28.—Extension of the market news service of the United States Department of Agriculture, involving the establishment of one of the largest commercial leased telegraph wire and radio telegraph systems in the world today was announced by the department in a bulletin received here. Raleigh, Richmond, Clemson College and Jacksonville are contemplated as points on the southeastern circuit, in addition to Atlanta as a branch office. The main extension, according to the announcement, is from Kansas City to the Pacific coast, with new offices at Denver, Salt Lake City and Portland, Oregon. In the southeast, a branch office is to be established at Atlanta. Already field stations are operating in this territory, covering the major producing districts. Offices at other southern points, it is stated, are being considered. "Additional branch offices for reporting the markets on fruits and vegetables will be opened early in July at Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland and Atlanta," reads the bulletin. "Offices are now located at San Francisco and Los Angeles. A livestock and meats service will have additional branch offices at Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland and Atlanta. The leased wire will run into San Francisco and the entire west coast will be effectively covered both by radio and wire telegraph from San Francisco.

"Final decision has not been reached as to whether radio, telegraph or leased wire will be used to the southeastern states. The extension is effective July 1st. Authority for extension of the department's service is contained in the appropriations voted by the last Congress, providing for an increase of about \$300,000 to carry on the work, making approximately \$700,000. During the war, the leased wire system covered over 18,000 miles and connected practically all the leading market centers of the country. The service was regarded as an important factor in bringing the war to a successful conclusion in that it made available at all times the fullest information on the food situation. Following the war the service was curtailed until it comprised only 2,600 miles of wire, and only a comparatively few of the large eastern and middle western markets could be covered. Last September an additional circuit was started from Kansas City to Austin, Texas, with a drop at Fort Worth.

"Under present extensions of the service, the leased wire system will cover approximately 7,000 miles. The circuit will extend from Boston south to Washington, thence west to San Francisco or Los Angeles. En route it will connect New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, Fond du Lac, Wis., Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Omaha, Denver, and Salt Lake City. A special line will run from Kansas City to Fort Worth and Austin, Texas. Contract will also be made en route at various offices operated by state department of agriculture. These will include Trenton, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Columbia, Waupaca, Wis., Jefferson City, Mo., Sacramento and Austin, Texas. The southeastern circuit contemplates reaching Richmond, Raleigh, Clemson College and Jacksonville.

"The leased wire circuits are in operation from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Sundays, and through the development of code systems, are used more intensively than any other leased wire system in existence, in the opinion of department telegraphers. Official estimates place the amount of traffic handled by the circuits prior to the present extensions at approximately \$650,000 per year based on commercial rates, with an actual cost to the government of \$100,000, a saving of nearly \$500,000 annually."

All traffic is scheduled and controlled by the Washington office and is transmitted simultaneously to all big market centers, according to the announcement. A large amount of material is received at night by headquarters for digest. Evangelist Browning Roasts W. A. Erwin. Duann Dispatch. Evangelist Browning "took the hide off" W. A. Erwin, head of the Duke mills at two of his services in Lillington last week. He charged that Mr. Erwin refused to allow him to pitch his tent on the mill property for the purpose of conducting a revival. We have been reliably informed that it was not Mr. Erwin who kept the evangelist out of Duke, but that some of the churches thought it best not to attempt to hold the meeting there at this time. Mr. Browning admitted that he had been informed that the other churches there thought it best not to hold the meeting at the present time. However, he is reported as saying: "But I do not believe there was anything to that. I believe that Will Erwin, who has never earned a dollar in his life, but has inherited his fortune, has refused to allow the meeting to be held at Duke, and has by his careless, thoughtless action, or tyranny, deprived the people who work in his mill and make money for him, of the privilege of attending these services."

If it be true that Mr. Erwin was not the obstacle in the way of Mr. Browning, then he has done Mr. Erwin an injustice. Some of the present-day evangelists spare not words in condemning those who fail to see things just as they see them, which may, or may not, be good and proper.

Find Skeleton of Crocodile That Lived 2,000,000 Years Ago. London, June 29.—The complete skeleton of a crocodile, which is estimated to have lived more than two million years ago, has been unearthed from the Oxford clay of Peterborough brickyards by P. J. Phillips, a noted English geologist. The skeleton is 16 feet long and is identical with the skeleton of the present day crocodile. The monster was, however, a sea-going creature, belonging to the middle geological period. In a spot where the stomach would be found a fossilized mass containing traces of organic marine matter, the remains of the reptile's last and evidently too hearty meal.

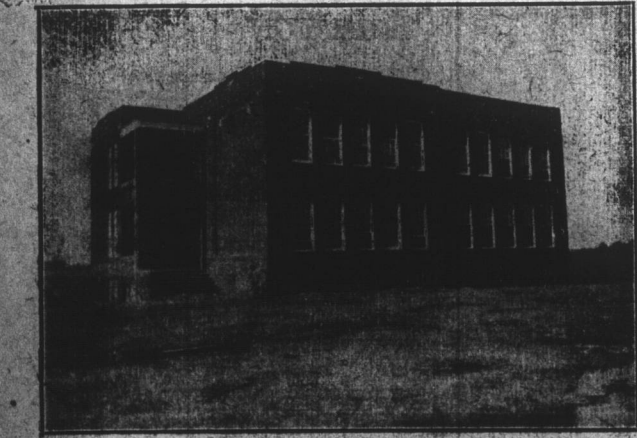
Miss Georgia Harkness, associate professor of education and religious education in Elmira College, has the distinction of being the only woman to receive a doctor of philosophy degree this year. Besides holding several academic degrees, Miss Harkness holds a local preacher's license in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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AQUADALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Aquadale school building serves any town or village, such as Mt. Pleasant in this county. But a barrier, who has taken an oath to promote education in the county and to give each child the privileges of adequate educational facilities, and to encourage education in general, decrees otherwise. Yet this handsome school

Many Unnecessary Deaths. From 12 to 14 years have been added to the average human life in the last half century, due to the progress of medical science. But 600,000 persons still die in the United States annually from preventable diseases.

Ancient Jewish Coinage. The first allusion to Jewish coinage is found in the Apocrypha in I Maccabees, 15, where it is related that Simon, the high priest, was granted permission to coin money bearing his own stamp.

Napoleon's Lucky Day. Napoleon regarded the second of the month as his lucky day. He was made consul on August 2, was crowned December 2, won the battle of Austerlitz December 2 and married the arch-duchess of Austria April 2.