

Educational Matters

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All of Moore county's schools have been supplied with teachers and though this has been a difficult task in the face of the great teacher shortage, we believe that in the main we have a stronger teaching force than many other counties have at this time. The spirit of discontent that was for a time so much in evidence among teachers, as well as in other professions and callings seems to have almost disappeared, and most of our teachers are doing faithful work.

We urge upon the people in each community to use their best efforts to make the school the best that it can be. It is true that much depends upon the teachers, but no matter how strong a teacher you may have, the school will not be all that it ought to be unless the people of the community give their active support to the school.

Are there any broken window lights that cause some child to sit in a draft? Is there a plentiful supply of good wood, or do some of the pupils have to spend most of their time gathering up fuel wherever they can find it? Is the heater in good condition and sufficiently large to keep a comfortable temperature in the room, or do the pupils have to bundle and crowd around the heater to keep warm? How about the water supply? Is it plentiful and clean? Those are important matters and will contribute largely to the success or failure of your school.

Have you visited the school and by friendly discussion of matters of common interest let the teacher understand that you were backing her to the limit?

Friday, February 28th, will be "North Carolina Day" in Moore county. In some parts of the state the day was observed at the close of the fall term, but inasmuch as it was left optional with the counties, it was deemed best to let it come in after the holidays and near to Washington's birthday. From the 1st to 26th of February is "National Song Week," and we believe that the observance of North Carolina Day will be a fitting close to the week of study and practice of the National songs. We hope that all our schools will devote some time and effort to the study and practice of our patriotic songs. It is a splendid way to cultivate Americanism in our young people to get them to learn our patriotic songs, and become familiar with their history and sentiment. The programs for North Carolina Day are now being sent out. We shall be glad for the teachers to go carefully over the program and arrange to have each part carried out. It presents a splendid opportunity for a community get-together day. Several of these numbers will be well worth discussing. Notify the people of the community in good time and ask different ones to be prepared to give his

or her views in answer to any one or more of the questions. Try to make the discussions general, and get as many different ones as possible to give expression to his views. It will be well enough to get a speaker from a distance if you can, but as a rule, when someone from a distance comes to speak, the home folks will have nothing to say, and you will accomplish more for your school and community if you can get the people together and have a general free and hearty expression from them as to the main problems. A few of the patriotic songs you will practice during the week, interspersed with the discussions, will make a good program, and for those schools that will agree to frame and preserve a picture of ex-President Roosevelt, we think we shall be able to provide a very desirable copy. This might be made a very attractive feature of the program.

The Superintendent will be in his office Saturdays and first Mondays. On other days the outside work will claim his attention. Miss Stuart will be in the office daily.

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