

DUTIES OF OUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Superintendent of Public Schools

By Pruden Davidson

An office which is responsible for the education of all of the children in this county is the nature of the office that is held by Mr. A. L. Martin, superintendent of public schools in this county.

As I walked into Mr. Martin's office I noticed that all the available floor space was occupied with large boxes, which, upon inquiry, I found contained text books for the children to use next year. Mr. Martin said that these books were to be distributed under the free text book system, and that his office was in charge of the distribution, which is a difficult undertaking for any office to accomplish. Mr. Martin also added that he had about five tons of school books in the office, and that they would take much labor to distribute.

But this is just something on the side. During his regular line of duty he has still an enormous amount of work to do. His first hard job is acting as secretary to the county board of education, and in connection with this job he must keep a record of all their proceedings, along with a record of all the school statistics.

Before the opening of school Mr. Martin must make an inspection of all the county schools, and report their conditions to the county board of education, along with recommendations such as will make them more comfortable and more sanitary. And when you consider the many various schools located in all of the scattered districts in this county, from the lower end of Hangingdog, above Peachtree, and going as far as Topton the size of this job is made more vivid.

The signing of his name in an important factor in the job that Mr. Martin fills so efficiently. To begin with, no contract entered into between a school committee or board of trustees and a teacher will be valid until

approved and signed by the superintendent. And then none of the teachers can receive their wages until his signature appears on the voucher, and all such vouchers must have his approval before they are valid.

No election of a principal, supervisor, teacher assistant, or supply teacher will be valid until it has been approved by the county superintendent, and no teacher will be dismissed until charges have been filed in writing with the county superintendent, and the charges approved by him.

Then there is a matter of records for the superintendent to keep. He must keep a record of the school finance of his county, and must keep a record of the local taxes, in fact all taxes in his district, and with this goes the amount of tax that is to be collected in each school district.

A record must be kept of all the teachers that are employed by the county, and along with the record must go information about the kind of certificate that they hold, their length of service, success as a teacher, and salary that the county has been allowing.

During the time that he school is in session he must make at least two inspections of each school in each district, and inspect the grounds and buildings, and advise the county board of education of the needs of each individual school.

All of the deeds to the county board of education must be recorded by the county superintendent, and he must also keep an index of them according to townships and districts. And he must report through proper channels the guardians, parents, or custodians of children who are deaf, blind, dumb and feeble-minded.

To be sure that the superintendent has plenty of time to perform all these duties, he is not allowed to teach a school while public schools are in session, nor can he be employ-

ed in any other capacity that may limit of interfere with his duties.

Well, these are some of them. It would be impossible for me to name all of the things that the man of education has to do. But he stays busy from morning to night, and in spite of the constant repetition of the matters, he constantly finds some new problem arising to occupy his time.

UPPER PEACHTREE

The B. Y. P. U. program was enjoyed by all present Sunday night.

Mr. Harlie Rice and family of Bryson City, were Sunday guest of Mr. Lewis Wilson and family.

Mr. Alfred Lunsford is visiting friends and relatives in Gastonia, N. C.

Several young people enjoyed a musical at C. W. Thomasson's Saturday night.

We have been having some good rains and late gardens are looking good.

The revival will begin at this place next Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Lunsford, of Gastonia was here on business the later part of last week.

Mr. Clyde, Breedlove of Bryson City, was the week-end guest of B. A. Breedlove and family.

Miss Sallie Thomasson is visiting her sister in Gastonia, Mrs. J. T. Lunsford.

Mr. R. M. and Fird Moore were visitors in Andrews last week.

Miss Bettie Laura Curtis has been sick at this writing.

A large crowd enjoyed the apple peeling at J. W. Barkers one night last week.

Mrs. Wesley Thomasson and baby, Joan, are spending a few months with his parents, Mr. C. W. Thomasson and family.

Mr. Troy, Fred and Clyde Breedlove were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Griffiths Sunday.

Misses Charlotte and Irene Thomasson were dinner guests of Miss

Eunice Lunsford Sunday.

Mr. Millerd Eggers and family of Ohio, are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. C. Eggers

Mr. Charlie Lunsford killed a large rattle snake Monday. The snake had 14 rattlers.

C. W. Thomasson is doing some repair work on his house.

SUNNY POINT

Mrs. Viola Stiles and daughter, Helen, spent awhile Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Pearl Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Beaver are now visiting Mrs. Beaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wallace.

Mr. Dennis Dare of Georgia, spent the week end with friends here.

Mrs. Pearl Johnson spent one evening of last week with Mrs. Edna Johnson.

Mr. Wayne Burrell of Georgia, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Beulah McAfee and Mrs. Gertie Shields were in Murphy one day last week shopping.

Mrs. Palace Gladson and Mrs. Cordie Morgan and mother, and Mr. Judd Morgan made a trip to Georgia to visit their relatives.

Mr. Ivan Harris and Fred White-ner made a business trip to Duck-town Monday.

Mr. Woodrow and Buster Brown visited their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown in Farner Tenn. Friday.

Mr. Fred Whitener has almost got his new house completed. He expects to move into it by Friday.

Mr. Ervin Helton of the training camps, is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Helton.

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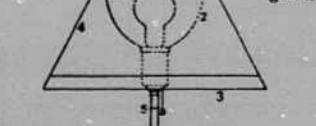
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