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RURAL SUPERVISION BADLY NEEDED

In the reorganization of rural education one of the chief things needed is close, professional supervision of rural schools for the supervision which exists today, except in a few places is more in name than in fact. The necessity is indicated by the scope of its field. When we consider the fact that of the total school population of the state the rural school population constitutes 81.4 per cent and that it is the quality and quantity of education and training they receive that is going to determine in a large measure the degree of efficiency attained by this state in its material, intellectual and moral life, then it must appear self evident that the question of more adequate supervision and direction of the work of 81.4 per cent of our present total school population and future citizenship is not a local question only it is not even a county-wide question but a problem state-wide in its significance and in the urgency of its successful solution.

From a report of the State School Superintendent for 1916 we find that only 40 per cent of county superintendents time is given to supervision that the number of visits to each school per year is one and the average length of this visit two hours. It is clear then that in consideration of the amount of money now expended for the rural schools of the county a supervision of only 2 hours of each year of each school in the county is clearly inadequate to enable the county child to get the most service out of the money which is now being expended for his education and training.

The cities have a great advantage over the small village and rural schools. With their superintendents by with no correction and often a whole year in a child's education is wasted or worse than wasted because of a poor teacher and the lack of real supervision.

Rural school supervision if it is properly done is a piece of expert professional work and one which ought to be placed on as high professional special supervisions and supervising principles the cities look after their instruction with a care and a thoroughness unknown in rural schools. Yet it is in the cities that most of the trained and experienced teachers are found while in the rural schools nearly all of the inexperienced and most of the poorly educated and unsuccessful teachers find either their starting or stopping point. In the better managed cities if trouble arises or if a teacher proves weak attention is at once given to the case and the teacher is improved by helpful suggestions or assistance or is removed from the position. In the country schools such situations often go unheeded. When this has been done the reorganization of rural education with centrally located rural schools, instruction situated to the needs of country children and supervision as close and effective as the cities today enjoying, will be easy of accomplishment. Then only will farmers cease moving to the city to secure better educational advantages for their children. All that is required is the expenditure of a little more money to perfect as good schools for the country as are now to be had in the cities. And since the majority of American children must get their education in country schools isn't it worth while to make these as good as possible?

The year 1911 marks the beginning of a more intensive supervision of the rural schools of the state. For it was in that year that thought the generous aid of the George Peabody fund three counties, Sampson, Johnston and McDowell were enabled to begin the policy of employing rural school supervisors. In 1912 aid from this fund, Northampton, Alamance and Granville. So well did the supervisors in these 6 counties demonstrate the meaning and value of their work to the rural schools and rural communities that even after all outside aid had to be withdrawn because of the distribution of the Peabody fund to the Colleges of the South these six counties took over this work appropriating the entire amount of the super-

Miss Bernice Mae Greene Entertains

Miss Bernice Mae Greene was hostess at a delightful Thanksgiving party on Tuesday evening, given at her home in East End, in honor of her house guest, Miss Lily Mae Hargrave of Norfolk, Va., and in honor of Miss Annie Parker whose engagement to Mr. William Albert Harris of Copperhill, Tenn., was announced, to take place on Wednesday, December 29, 1920.

The rooms of the home were beautifully decorated in autumn flowers, holly and potted plants.

A contest was held during the evening and various games were played throughout the evening. Miss Annie Parker received the prize, a book of Kipling's poems.

Those serving were Mesdames J. T. Parker, Roberts Jernigan and N. E. Greens.

More than thirty guests partook of Miss Greene's hospitality.

Supervisors salary from the county fund

The movement for better supervision of rural schools has extended until now when twenty out of the one hundred counties have supervisors. Buncombe, Nash, Durham, Union, Davidson, Wayne, Columbus, Forsythe and Hertford having put on new ones this year.

The last legislature passed the following law "There shall be set aside annually from the state public school fund a sum not exceeding \$50,000 for promoting teachers training in the several counties and further improvements of teachers now in service and for the better supervision of rural schools."

Now let us notice some of the specific aims on what rural supervisors are actually doing.

First, increasing the efficiency of the teachers already employed. She is spending practically her entire time out among the county schools. She visits the individual teacher in her school. She visits the individual teacher in her school room and remains long enough to find out at first hand what the teachers greatest difficulties are and aids her in overcoming them.

Second, making the rural schools in its course of study and methods of teaching minister more directly and more completely to the native interests and every day needs of country children. Here the Superintendent is working with teachers individually and collectively not only that these children may acquire more quickly and more thoroughly a knowledge of the three R's but also that they may make a practical use of this knowledge in understanding better and applying their own lives among themselves.

Thirds, making the schools meet more fully the social cultural and recreational needs of the pupils. As a practical means to this end the Superintendents are working with the teachers in the organization and direction of school literary societies; school music clubs and athletic teams for the boys and girls.

Fourth, Making these schools an effective center. The supervisors are working not only with the rural teachers but with the men and women of the community to make the country school a unifying force in the community. This is being done through country life clubs Com. Service Leagues, Betterment Associations, etc.

While the State has made an encouraging beginning in this essential movement, it is a beginning only that it has made and its rank is still below the average state in this progressive undertaking. The opportunities and duties of the rural schools are perfectly definite and clear. There are men and women of the required training and ability to fill acceptably the supervisory positions. It only remains for us to surround the office by such conditions and support it by such social and financial rewards that the highest type of ability and devotion can be claimed for this one of the most important of all educational offices.

MISS JANNIE P. BROWN

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URGES BANKS TO JOIN FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIN

Washington, Nov. 17th—Senator Dial, of South Carolina appealed today to all Southern banks which have not already done so to join the Federal Reserve system or become national banks. Such action, he said, would greatly increase the borrowing capacities of the banks and would help to a considerable extent in solving the question of the gradual marketing of cotton.

Senator Dial said good progress was being made in the organization of three export companies and he thought they would greatly help in easing the situation. The South, he said, must now help itself and would have to find a market and help finance the exporting of its cotton.

ARMY NOW A SPLENDID SCHOOL

The army of the United States has grown up like other armies in the last century and a half, and some things that were inherited from the armies of the ages that preceded the present era to our army. It had its undesirable features at times, and it has had many men in its enrollment that have awakened criticism. But an army was never recruited to be a model of morals, or human culture, or refinement, but to do the terrible serious work of standing between the nation and its enemies. The first work of the soldier is to prepare to fight. So our army has had its seamy sides.

In the last eight years a change has taken place in army standards. New ideas and new ideals have been introduced in the army, and that 17,000 enlistments were accepted in the one month of October says more for the army than probably any other testimonial. In these days when peace prevails, when men are paid high salaries for civil work, and when the standard of the recruit is so high that men of questionable character are not received any more by the army this record is not only one of surprise, because of its numbers, but also because of the broad uplifting of the general army standard.

The American Army today is a fit occupation and school for a young American man. He gets in the army a wage that is sufficient to pay him or his work and thanks to a wholly different attitude of the country and school to be trained in everything that the government can place at the disposal of the young fellows for the purpose of bringing out of them the best that is in them. The government wants capability, good citizens, trained and trusty men and undertakes to make such.

That is another of the credits to the present administration. The government toward the army and its young men the army is now a field in which the government is undertaking to make of the soldier boy the best possible citizen and man that his natural abilities permit. Seventeen thousand young men in October entered this serious and intensely practical

SESSOMS-BOYETTE

On Tuesday afternoon, November 16 at half past two o'clock, Miss Ellen Boyette of this city became the bride of Mr. James C. Sessoms, also of Ahsokie. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyette, and was witnessed by only the close relatives of the two contracting parties.

The bride entered the parlor on the arm of her sister, Miss Thelma Boyette, while the groom was attended by Dan P. Boyette, brother of the bride. Mrs. S. J. Boyette presided at the piano, playing both the processional and recessional. The parlor was beautifully decorated, and the color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in every detail, chrysanthemums and ferns being used to form the improvised altar. Candles used in the decorations were set in candlesticks which were used at the marriage of the bride's grandmother. The piano used also furnished music for her grandmother's marriage.

The bride wore a brown velvet coat suit, with accessories to match.

Following the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Fred T. Collins, pastor of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Sessoms left on the afternoon train for a northern bridal tour, after which they will be at home in

ONE OF PEANUT MARKET IS LOTS BETTER

The general tone of the market on new Virginia peanuts is decidedly better than at the close of the old season. Both North Carolina bunch and large size Virginia runners are active at 5 cents on country basis, while Jumbos easily bring 7 cents or more according to grade.

A marked feature of the new crop is the good average quality of the nuts. They are of such good color and uniform size that very few are going into shelling stock. The result is that the percent of extra large shelled peanuts is small relatively, the demand for these exceptionally good. Another result is that the No. 1 shelled of this season's crop are decidedly above the general average for this same grade.

This opening of the market on the new Virginia crop at better prices than was at first promised is an unmistakable evidence that the trade is firmly convinced that the 1920 crop is unusually short and that there will be an active demand throughout the season. These conditions would indicate better prices later on.

The spanish market is not so good relatively as the Virginia market. While there have been some sales in this section as high as \$1.40 to \$1.50 a bushel, the general price has been from \$1.25 to \$1.35 a bushel. Some Southern Spanish have brought as high as \$100 a ton, or 5 cents a pound; but the general market has been around \$80 to \$85 a ton. No. 1 shelled Spanish which were quoted last week by Southern mills at 8 and 9 1-2 cents a pound, are now being offered as low as 7 1-2 cents F. O. B. Southern Mills.

COLERAINE NEWS

Rev. R. B. Lineberry went to Murfreesboro last Tuesday to attend the pastors' conference.

Mrs. G. M. Holley went to Norfolk last Wednesday to be with her mother who was under treatment at Saint Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. Stanton Phelps, who has been in Norfolk for some time, came home last Wednesday to spend some time with his parents.

Mr. Ellie Overton of Ahsokie was in town last Tuesday buying peanuts. A large number of bags are going into the market now.

Mr. J. M. Myers went to Merry Hill last Wednesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Brett.

Mr. D. R. Britton went to Ahsokie last Thursday.

Armistice Day was observed here last Thursday. The school was closed for part of the day.

Mrs. T. E. Beasley came from Baltimore last Friday and will spend a short while here.

Mr. Cecil Nowell, who is attending school at Wake Forest College, is at home for a few days on account of the illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Eva Holley.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Smithwick spent last Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw and Mrs. W. P. Shaw of Winton were visitors in town last Sunday.

Mr. Joe Stokes who has been working at Creedmore is at home on a visit.

Mr. James Long spent last Sunday with his parents in Aulander.

Some of our people are attending court in Windsor this week.

Mrs. Mary R. Shaw of Winton is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. D. R. Britton.

Rev. R. E. Lineberry left last Monday for Asheville, where he will attend the State Convention.

Mrs. C. B. Morris left Tuesday for Norfolk, where she will go to St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment.

Miss Amanda Baker is spending the week in town.

Ahsokie

Mrs. Sessoms is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyette of this city and is one of Ahsokie's most attractive and popular young ladies. The groom is senior member of the firm of Sessoms and Forbes, a local garage and automobile supply house.

There are several subscribers upon our lists that are in arrears. That you may continue to receive the Herald, we suggest a prompt renewal.

Entertains in Honor of Bride Elect

Mrs. S. F. Bowers was hostess at a shower, in honor of Miss Ellen Boyette, on Saturday afternoon, November 13, from 3 to 5 P. M. The guests were met at the door and ushered into the reception hall by Mrs. Bowers, the hostess. In the reception hall they partook of punch which was presided over by Miss Bettie Sessoms.

The guests were then led to the dining hall, which was beautifully decorated in ferns, and white and yellow chrysanthemums. Here they enjoyed ice cream, with white and yellow wedding drops.

Following the repast, a small express wagon "drove up" to the door of the home, and the driver with the wagon being met by the honoree, Miss Ellen Boyette, presented her with the wagon that was laden with many beautiful and useful gifts.

Following an hour spent in informal conversations and congratulations for Miss Boyette, a popular bride-elect of the week, the guests registered their names and a toast to the bride.

Those present were: Mesdames R. R. Copeland, A. Lee Copeland, C. H. Mitchell, E. D. Cherry, S. P. Watson, J. B. Barnes, H. B. Chapin, C. G. Conger, F. L. Howard, W. J. Myers, W. J. Myers, J. H. Copeland, W. W. Rogers, W. T. Forbes, R. P. Slaughter, L. K. Walker, S. J. Boyette, D. P. Boyette, Z. V. Bellamy, R. H. Jernigan, V. H. Garrett, G. W. Baker, and Ruth Vinson; and Misses Sallie Belle Vinson, Uraie Vinson, Louise Basnight, Sarah Brett, Mina Holloman, Bettie Sessoms, Lena Cherry, Thelma Boyette, Lillian Boyette, Annie Parker, Lucille Randolph and Carrie Rawls.

PREVENT FIRES

It was only last week that Insurance Commissioner Young sent to all Mayors a cautionary suggestion that the police and inspection forces of their towns keep a careful lookout for accumulation of leaves and especially of the danger of bonfires. And every body knows by now what a fire breeder a shingle roof is. A very regrettable illustration of this is seen in the following press report from Albemarle Tuesday morning:

"The main building of the city graded school here was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock this morning. Nine classes of the building and school were in full attendance but all the children escaped without confusion or injury.

A new steam heating plant had just been installed and this practically a total wreck. It is thought that the fire originated from a spark coming from the flue catching dry leaves in the gutters and setting the shingles on the roof afire."

One of the standing instructions, or rather advisory precepts, which the Insurance Department sets forth is the good service of a ladder around buildings not only to put out an incipient roof fire, but to prevent it. One means of prevention is to inspect the gutters of shingle roof buildings each fall and winter after leaves have begun or quit falling to see that no accumulations are left there. It is a good plan also in summer for buildings have burned from sparks setting fire to english sparrow nests and igniting old or every dry shingle roofs.

Commissioner Young is highly gratified at the splendid discipline the children of this school had been trained in, thus insuring their escape from panic and injury. But this fire, which he says may be classed in the "avoidable" list, serves to teach not only the value of fire drills in school but the necessity of exercising care in observing the common ordinary rule of practical fire prevention. The admirable pluck of the local trustees in immediately beginning preparations for a new building will be the more commendable he says, if they will provide an incombustible roof and see that the roofs of other buildings are protected from the possibility of a similar disaster.

The result of packing people in moving picture theatres and of neglect in seeing that furnaces and flues are safe was shown in the death of six children and injury of many others in an Italian Theatre in New York Sunday. It was filled to a capacity for a special

MEETING OF TOBACCO MEN HELD FRIDAY

A joint meeting of the tobacco warehousemen, buyers and citizens of Ahsokie was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms here Friday night. The meeting was the direct outcome of a common report, based upon assertions of warehousemen, that the market here would be forced to close their doors in a few weeks, unless more tobacco was marketed here. The object of the meeting was to work out some definite program by which tobacco raisers might be brought into closer contact with the actual market conditions on the local floors and to offset certain rumors detrimental to the market here.

The meeting resolved itself into a round table discussion among the tobacco men and the business men of the town, the former acting as advisers, and the latter resolving to carry out the ideas of those more intimately connected with tobacco marketing conditions. The warehousemen reiterated their former statements that the raisers were not marketing their tobacco in sufficient volume to keep the warehouse open, and that as a result the market here was threatened an early close, which would result in many farmers hereabouts being forced to go to the unnecessary expense of shipping their tobacco.

It was also brought to the attention of the group that prices here were averaging better than some other markets; one raiser present telling of having shipped his tobacco to another market, and subsequently reshipping to Ahsokie, where he received a much better average. Buyers also stated that prices here were exceptionally good in comparison with other larger markets.

Before the meeting had ended many business men of the town had agreed to leave their places of business, if necessary and make a personal visit in the surrounding territory, giving the farmers first hand information of the real situation. The warehousemen will cooperate with the business men in giving them comparative averages and in this way direct personal contact between warehousemen and raisers effected. It is now practically assured that the Ahsokie market will keep on doing business until the tobacco is marketed.

play, the hero being an Italian lad who rose from humble surroundings to riches and fame. The youngsters were absorbed in the screen invincible who was protecting his father from thieves, when smoke began to creep through the cracks of the floor and a woman screamed "My God, the theatre is on fire." Immediately there was panic and six little tots, from six to 10 years of age were tramped to death and fifteen others badly injured, before the mad scramble could be checked. There was no fire, but the proprietors had neglected to examine the flues after the summer rest from fire. It was choked with old paper and trash, and caused the smoke, which caused the tragedy. A similar tragedy was averted in a special movie exhibition given for children in a North Carolina city last Saturday afternoon simply because a film caught fire a few minutes before the theatre was crowded with children. As it was a very few had assembled at the early hour for the first show, and no panic was reported.

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