

## RURAL SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE GOOD

Since Eight Months Term Started Attendance Has Been Above 90 Percent Work Is Better

On June 26, 1926 the people of Carteret County saw the vision of a greater educational opportunity for their children in a county wide eight months school term. They went to the polls and expressed themselves publicly in favor of harnessing NOW the torch that lights the way in giving every boy and girl an equal chance at an education. It was gratifying and thrilling beyond expression to see the great response to the call for a better educational chance for the children of the county. Carteret has joined the rank of those counties which have no intention of waiting for the State to act. It has taken a step which carries it out far beyond the average. It is a direct answer to the needs of many county boys and girls who have not the equal opportunity with their town cousins. It is not only a fair and proper answer but the finest sort of investment of public funds. The people in the rural sections had begun to realize that the children with short term schools and poor teachers could not compete with the children that had the advantage of longer terms. They grasped the idea that a uniform term of eight months would enable the small schools to get better teachers and give the children a better chance, and they would be able to compete more favorably with the city children.

In the schools that had only six months term till this year, the attendance was bad and there was complaint that many of the children could not attend for the six months and this accounted for many non-promotions. But in those same schools at the beginning of the eight months term, the middle of September, many of them were crowded and extra equipment had to be provided and extra teachers in some cases to take care of the children. The attendance for the first half of the year has been above 90 per cent and no complaint has been registered. Not a person has been prosecuted for not sending his children to school. The spirit of going to school has increased wonderfully in the rural sections. The attendance is regular, work uniform, and a check shows that the class room work is much advanced at this time of the year among the rural schools than last year. There were adjustments to make at the beginning, since some of the schools were six, seven and eight months but this was easily done and they are now working in harmony.

Carteret County with its small property valuation had to increase its county wide tax rate for the two extra months only 25c. The special tax in the districts is eliminated and there is one uniform tax rate for schools in the county.

By having a uniform eight months school term to begin the year, the work has been much better classified and there is a more systematic basis upon which to standardize the instruction. It helps to get better organization individually and as a whole in the schools, and has created among the children as created in its first half year of operation, already a more competitive desire among the children to rank with their city neighbors.

There are many advantages that the eight months term has over the irregular term. It has enabled the teachers to re-classify the children. There is time to cover the amount of work that is necessary for the child to be promoted. The child in the rural school will have a chance to complete the seventh grade two and one-third years earlier than he would in the short term. This will hold more of the children in school till they finish the grammar grade. Last year only 55 per cent of the children in the six months schools were promoted to the next grade, in the eight months schools 75 per cent, a difference of 20 per cent. Then with a uniform term of eight months this 55 per cent should be raised to 75 per cent the fifth year. Counting 20 per cent more of the non-promotions promoted this year, which can reasonably be expected, and will not only mean better trained children, but hold more of them till they have finished the grammar grade and are ready for high school. I will have

much time, and mean a saving financially of about \$3000.00 to the county yearly in teaching these children over again in the same grade. It means that better teachers are teaching these children this year. It was easier to secure better trained teachers in the small schools with longer terms. The training of the teachers in these rural schools has been raised on an average of one half college year which has resulted in better cooperation, better spirit in the work and more actual teaching in the class room. The pupils, parents, teachers, and school authorities are very much pleased with the result of the eight months term for the first half year of its operation, and there is no reason to believe other than the results of the future will be much more gratifying. The people are convinced already that the uniform term of eight months should have been in operation years ago.

J. H. W.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### ROE.

A number of the men left last week to go shad fishing.

We had a big freeze here Saturday and Sunday nights.

We had a large snow here last Monday night. It lasted until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Goodwin of Lola were in this community Sunday night.

Messrs. Herbert Styron and Monroe Gaskill of Lupton were visitors here Sunday.

A crowd of young people from this community seemed to enjoy the snow here last Tuesday.

Misses Beatrice Goodwin and Madeline Daniels of Lola were in this community Sunday.

There was a snow-cream party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Daniels Wednesday night.

Messrs. Claude Day and Elden Smith of Lola were in this communi-

ty Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. W. W. Styron held P. B. church services at the home of Mrs. Harry Goodwin Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. H. Goodwin and little daughter Hazel were the guests of Mrs. Arlie Daniels Thursday night.

Quite a number of young people from this community were visitors at the home of Mrs. Duffy Day's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goodwin and little grand-daughter Mary Ethel Day were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. J. Daniels Sunday.

### CORE CREEK.

Mr. Bridges Sabiston spent the week end at Beaufort.

Mr. Maxton Sabiston was the guest of Miss EYVONNE Langdale Sunday night.

Mrs. D. W. Bell of Harlowe spent Monday with her mother Mrs. G. M. Sabiston.

Mrs. Roy Mason and son spent Monday with her mother Mrs. J. P. Dickinson.

Mr. J. F. Sabiston and sons Maxton and North were visitors at New Bern Monday.

Miss Irene Eubanks of Wire Grass spent Saturday night with her sister Mrs. L. C. Dickinson.

We have been having real winter weather here for the past week, we are glad it has moderated some.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Tosto of Beaufort spent some time Sunday afternoon with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sabiston.

Our Sunday School had a slim attendance Sunday morning on account of the cold weather. Only a faithful few were there.

Mrs. Jack Parkin and daughters Misses Maudie and Emily Clyde and Messrs. Graham Whitehurst, Milan O'Neal and William Willis of Beaufort were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sabiston Monday evening.

"Grandma is afraid of spiders" Don't let that keep you away from the Big Play.—Adv.

## Used Car Bargains

We Have A Number of Used Fords now on our floor. Priced Very Low in order to move them to make room for New Chevrolets now in transit to our Stock. Buy Your Used Car HERE and save the difference.

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## Commercial School for Beaufort

The Atlanta Business College will open a branch school in Beaufort in the near future, PROVIDED there is sufficient interest in the town and county to procure an enrollment of twenty-five students.

The Atlanta Business College was established in 1905 and was incorporated in 1923. The College has been opening and operating branch schools for the past three years. Thirty five schools have been maintained in Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. Within the last two weeks schools have been opened at Kinston and New Bern.

New Bern Chamber of Commerce Commends College:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Atlanta Business College of Atlanta, Ga., having adopted the plan of extension courses with branch schools established in various communities, has just opened a school at New Bern. The Atlantic Business College has been established over twenty years and enjoys a splendid reputation in Atlanta.

We feel fortunate that the Atlanta Business College has opened a branch school in New Bern, and believe that any community in which they establish a branch will be benefitted also, and we recommend that you give consideration and hearty cooperation to them in establishing a school in your community.

Yours truly,  
T. F. MOFFETT, Secretary  
New Bern Chamber of Commerce.

### Please Read What Others Say About The Atlanta Business College

I understand that the Atlanta Business College is starting a campaign in your city to establish a branch school.

The writer has known B. Dixon Hall, President of the College, for several years and I take great pleasure in recommending him in the highest terms. The Atlanta Business College is one of Atlanta's leading business college, and I have encouraged Mr. Hall to establish branches of his College throughout the Southeast.

B. S. PARKER, Executive Vice-President  
Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Prof. B. Dixon Hall, President of the Atlanta Business College of Atlanta, Ga., for the past ten years. He is a man of excellent character, and is operating a business college of distinction.

In my opinion any one desiring a business education would not make a mistake by matriculating in the Atlanta Business College.

WALTER A. SIMS,  
Mayor City of Atlanta, Ga.

### SAVE TIME AND MONEY

You can save both time and money by taking a business course in a branch school in Beaufort, instead of going away to the big city business college. From \$400.00 to \$600.00 can be saved in the cost of living alone, and you can finish a course in four or five months.

### COURSES OF STUDY

These are the courses of study that are being offered for reservation. Let us help you select the best course for you.

**Stenographic Course**—Gregg Shorthand, Touch Typewriting, Business English and Correspondence, Spelling, Rapid Calculation, Business Writing, and General Office Practice.

**Commercial Course**—Bookkeeping and Banking, Business Arithmetic and Rapid Calculation, Business English and Correspondence, Spelling, Business Writing, and General Office Practice.

**Commercial and Typewriting Course**—Bookkeeping and Banking, Touch Typewriting, Business English and Correspondence, Business Arithmetic and Rapid Calculation, Spelling, Business Writing, and General Office Practice.

**Secretarial Course**—Gregg Shorthand, Touch Typewriting, Business English and Correspondence, Business Arithmetic and Rapid Calculation, Spelling, Business Writing, Secretarial Bookkeeping, and General Office Practice.

### DAY AND NIGHT SESSIONS

The school will maintain both day and night sessions. The Night School is for the benefit of people who work during the day, and wish to be trained for better positions.

### DIPLOMAS AND POSITIONS

Graduates of the Beaufort Branch School will be awarded our regular diploma, and will be assisted in their efforts to procure positions. A beautiful diploma is awarded at a nominal fee, and the employment service is free, to graduates of the school.

If you want this school in Beaufort, you must enroll NOW. The school cannot be opened until twenty-five students have enrolled. Call or 'phone, our representative, Mr. W. P. Murphy at H. D. Norcom's, P. O. Box 266, Telephone 34—J., or fill out and mail the following coupon. Do it Now.

W. P. MURPHY, Field Representative,  
P. O. Box, 266, Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Without obligation please furnish me full information about the Commercial School you propose to open in Beaufort, N. C.

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street or R. F. D. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Town or City \_\_\_\_\_

If you want representative to call, please give instructions how to find you and your residence.