

MODERN SCHOOLS REPLACE LOG HUTS

Forty-five School Houses Built in Stokes County in Last Ten Years.

Supt. J. T. Smith of the Stokes county schools, contributes the following interesting story relative to the Stokes county schools to the educational section of the Raleigh News and Observer:

During the past nine years this county has made some progress along certain lines as given below:

During the last ten years we have built forty-five frame and brick structures in place of a great many log huts.

The need of better houses was our greatest need nine years ago. So the Board of Education and the County Superintendent put their whole attention toward getting suitable houses built and annexes to buildings entirely too small to accommodate the children.

Some of the houses have been painted—the county board furnishing half of the amount in all districts for this purpose—the district raising the other half.

We have put out of business every log house in the white districts.

The next great need was suitable desks for each school. We waged a campaign in every white district and the people raised half the amount to buy desks, the Board of Education giving the other half. We now have all white schools supplied with desks except two.

We have forty rural libraries which supply all the people in the district that have them with good wholesome reading matter.

Nine years ago we had no high school in this county, but today we have three splendid high schools that are doing splendid service for the boys and girls of this county.

The salaries of teachers and the attendance have gradually increased. The school fund also steadily increases from year to year and it is hoped that the day is not far off when the boys and girls may have the very best advantages to secure an education suitable to their needs.

Some statistics relating to our educational affairs in a comparison of the last nine years, from 1904 to 1913 show pretty well what we have been doing: Rural libraries from 6 to 40; supplementary libraries from 0 to 10; local tax districts from 0 to 6; value school property from \$10,525 to \$37,600; brick school houses 0 to 1; frame school houses 45 to 67; log school houses 15 to 0; districts with no houses 22 to 0; painted school houses 1 to 8; houses with desks 24 to 66; teachers employed 69 to 98; schools with assistant teachers 4 to 27; high schools, 0 to 3; monthly salary, white teachers, \$25.33 to \$33.00; school census \$6,066 to 6,504; enrollment 3,045 to 4,728; enrollment in daily average attendance, 33 per cent. to 50 per cent; attendance, 1,301 to 4,418; average length school term, days, 74 to 86; members of teachers' association 8 to 20; number boys' corn club 0 to 20; members boys' corn club 0 to 25; general school fund, \$12,592.35 to \$23,196.20; raised by local taxation 0 to \$1,637.69; new school houses

built 45; number volumes in teachers libraries from 0 to 80.

I beg to say that we owe most of our progress to the loyal teachers who have been at all times faithful to take up any matters suggested to them by the superintendent and push them along.

The teachers have raised a great deal of the money to buy desks and libraries by having box suppers and sometimes a pie supper.

On April 7, 1913, the Board of Education appointed Mrs. Dr. W. B. Moore, of Smith postoffice to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of a committee-man. I believe she is the second woman in North Carolina appointed on a school committee.

On the first Monday in July, the county board reappointed Mrs. Moore and appointed Mrs. N. A. Martin, Mrs. J. Spot Taylor and Mrs. J. Walter Neal as school committee (woman?)

All these are excellent women and are enthusiastic workers for the betterment of schools.

Danbury Route 1.

Danbury Route 1, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Lola M. Bennett and little daughter, Madeline, of Walnut Cove, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bennett on Danbury Route 1.

Miss Verda Bennett passed through town last week, taking her brother, O. M. Bennett, to Walnut Cove, where he took the train for Baltimore and other northern points, to purchase a nice line of fall goods.

Maj. Alexander, of Winston-Salem, passed through town Saturday evening in his Schacht automobile enroute to Piedmont Springs.

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STATE FARMERS' UNION MEETING AT RALEIGH, N. C.

August 26, 27 and 28—This Will Be One of the Greatest Meetings Ever Held Says Progressive Farmer.

The following announcement one of the State's first farmer-citizens was taken from the Progressive Farmer which will be of much interest to our Farmers Union readers:

Come to Raleigh the last week in August, Mr. Tarheel Farmer—you and all farmers from South Carolina and Virginia who will—August 26, 27 and 28. The North Carolina Farmers' Union is to hold its State meeting then, and the North Carolina Farmers' State Convention at the same time, tho the hours will be arranged to avoid conflict as far as possible. As announced in last week's Progressive Farmer, Mr. A. O. Nelson, the farmers' cooperative leader of Svea, Minn., is expected to attend the State Union, and it will be worth the trip just to hear him and meet the Union brethren from all over North Carolina.

Then the State Farmers' Convention has, we are confident, the very best program in all its history. Dean Price of Ohio State University, who has spent a year in Europe studying cooperation method used by European farmers, will discuss "Cooperation in Buying and Selling."

At a morning session devoted to "Soils" Prof. B. W. Kilgore will discuss North Carolina soil types, Prof. C. L. Newman will tell what makes soils "wear out," Mr. W. D. Boseman will tell "How I Save Labor with Tillage Implements," and Prof. C. B. Williams will talk on second application of fertilizers. Then at the "Livestock Section" meetings silos, dairying, and marketing cattle and sheep will be discussed and at the night session those attending will enjoy illustrated lectures and an address worth while by Mr. Henry A. Page,

one of the State's first farmer-citizens.

But the very best and most distinctive feature of this Farmers' State Convention will be the demonstration features—teaching by showing. Mr. P. H. Mangum, son of the inventor of "Mangum terraces," will show just how these terraces are made by making them. Dr. B. B. Flowe will show how to inoculate hogs with cholera serum. A demonstration in laying tile will be given; another in testing soils; another in spraying and packing fruit; and there will be hours of stock judging,—cattle, horses, mules and hogs—and a sale of pure-bred swine.

Take a few days off and come to Raleigh August 26 to 28, Mr. Farmer. The joint meeting of State Union and State Farmers' Convention should appeal to everybody. The railroads offer a round trip rate of three cents one way for the Convention, and three cents one way plus 25 cents for the Farmers Union Rooms are free at the College for all who come—plenty of rooms Dr. Hill thinks, but you must bring sheets and pillow cases along, and meals will be furnished at 25 cents each.

Tell your neighbors, and come and bring them with you. The A. & M. College, the Department of Agriculture, the city of Raleigh, and The Progressive Farmer—one and all have a welcome waiting for you. Let's have five thousand farmers on hand!

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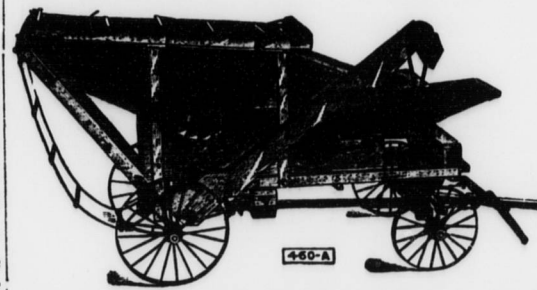
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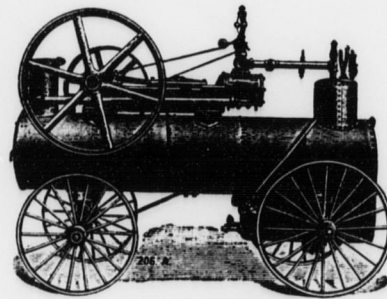
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