

songs by the intermediate and primary classes. The next thing before dinner was an algebra race by the eighth grade, which was very exciting. Then came the dinner, which was a great feast that we all enjoyed.

The afternoon exercises were opened with a song, "Columbia", sung by the school; next on the program were recitations, dialogues, and songs by the children; then a debate. And, last but not least, came a spelling match which was very interesting, and in which we all tried to win the prize.

Thus ended our community service week. It left us with a much better looking school ground, a sanitary water supply, cleaned and oiled floors, and best of all that spirit of "get-together-and-help-your-brother" which we hope will result in the building of a school auditorium which was mentioned as one of our needs.

JERRY HESTER.

Roxboro, Rt. 1, N. C.

Plans Made for Traveling Library and School Flag, and Farm Demonstration Agent Asked for

AFTER the Governor set aside "Community Service Days" in North Carolina, the first thing with us was the county superintendent appointed as three of the committee the principal of the school, the secretary, and chairman of the school board, asking them to meet, and appoint two other members, making the committee consist of five.

This committee called a meeting for each Thursday night until the appointed days. At the first meeting the chairman and secretary were appointed and the Governor's proclamation read and discussed.

At some of the following meetings the teachers were instructed to order buttons to be sold for buying a flag. They were also instructed to have a festival, the proceeds of which were to be used for buying pictures for the school building. The chairman appointed committees for different subjects to be discussed on Friday, "North Carolina Day", to take the rural census, and discuss that as showing means of improving the community. The people were requested to meet at the school building Thursday for the purpose of hanging the flag, cleaning up the school yard and buildings. On account of bad weather very few people met, so little was done.

On Friday the people of the community met for the general picnic. The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor of the Presbyterian church, after which the rural census was discussed, and some plans made for the betterment of the community. During the afternoon session it was decided that we would secure a traveling library. Committees were appointed and instructed to get the library at the earliest date possible. The people decided to hold community meetings twice a month and plan for the good of the people. A resolution was drawn up asking for a farm demonstration agent as we did not have one.

LUCIE HARRIS.

Swan Quarter, N. C.

Hallsboro Put the Churches in Good Condition

COMMUNITY Service Week" was observed by Hallsboro School, Miss Parker having asked the people of the community to meet sometime in advance and plan the work. Thursday Miss Parker divided her pupils and sent some to the Methodist church and some to the Baptist, each pupil wearing his work-day clothes. We were to meet at the churches at one o'clock. Nearly every one was prompt. This day was set for the people to do some active physical work for the betterment of the community.

There were great improvements made at both churches. At the Methodist the building was cleaned, such as scrubbing the floor, seats and ta-

bles. The stove and organ were polished, lamps washed, new wicks, shades and burners placed where needed. Outside we swept the yards, cut down bushes and raked and burned litter. The stumps and logs were cut into firewood and stacked behind the church.

At the Baptist church the building was cleaned inside, such as cleaning carpets, benches, lamps and windows. A new stove was put in. Outside the leaves were piled and arrangements were made for them to be hauled away. Trees were cut from the grove, some of which were burned and some cut into firewood and stacked.

On Friday we all gathered in the school building and with Miss Parker's consent we took pleasure in beginning the work on the grounds and inside of our building. First we washed all windows up and down stairs and scrubbed teacher's rooms and library, patched and white-washed flues, swept auditorium and halls, washed desks and did many other things.

Outside we cleaned up front and back grounds. The boys plowed the base ball diamond and cleaned out the pump trough. We began a basketball ground for the girls.

When we know definitely just how our community stands in these various particulars then we begin to know how to act about other things which we are going to do.

CLARA THOMPSON.

Hallsboro, N. C.

"Brought a Great Awakening to Trent School"

COMMUNITY Service Week" brought one of the greatest awakenings that Trent District No. 2, Pamlico County, has ever felt. It aroused new spirit, greater interest, and taught a great lesson in cooperation.

The leader of this great work was our teacher, Prof. Chas. H. Utley. He organized a club of men about two weeks before the appointed time. During this time they met often and each one talked freely about these matters; they exchanged ideas and planned the work for all the time set apart for improving the community.

Thursday morning about fifty men and boys taking fifteen horses with them met for the purpose of improving the roads. This was a great success. They graded and leveled about a mile of public road. They made a side walk one-fourth of a mile in length and six feet wide. They then improved the school yards, cut down unnecessary trees, and made a walk leading from the school building to the road. At the same time the women led by the lady teachers worked at the school house to make things sanitary and more attractive. We swept the whole building, cleaned windows, dusted and polished furniture. Thursday night all took their rest. Friday morning each child and parent arose with pleasant thoughts for the day.

The men not having finished their desired work Thursday afternoon, went back, and completed it about 9.30. They then returned to their homes and prepared themselves for the community meeting and picnic which was a great success, with addresses, talks, recitations and songs, and an excellent dinner.

ELLA SAWYER.

Pamlico, Co., N. C.

Lawns and Grass for the School Grounds

ON Friday, the people met at our school house which is located on a clay hill, the hill sloping down to the public road in front of the building. Our teacher wanted Bermuda grass sown on this hillside to prevent washing. So my father and some of the other men hauled black, rich soil from their homes and spread on the hillside and then sowed the grass seed. We cleaned off the school yard nicely and we intended planting some trees in the front of the building, but

the rain prevented our doing any more that day.

On Saturday my father and older brother carried four nice water oaks and set them out. We have a very nice energetic teacher who believes in keeping the house and grounds, improving the school grounds a great deal during the play-time hour each day, and we aim to keep on until we get everything as nice as possible and then try to keep it nice.

WILBUR R. TUNSTALL.

Edward, N. C.

Improved Roads and Put up a School Flag

TWO of our leading public roads were worked. Our chairman took his team and worked all day. Master James Turlington not quite four years old drove a cart and hauled clay half a day. We feel sure that we can boast of the youngest road-hand in the state!

Friday was a rainy day but the school children and some of the patrons of the school met at the school-house and helped clean up two basket ball grounds. After dinner the pupils and the patrons met in the school-house and sang "The Old North State."

The questions that were suggested in the program were read out by our chairman and were discussed by both men and women. About four o'clock we adjourned. The children all lined up and a flag, the old stars and stripes, was raised as they sang, "My Country 'Tis of Thee." After the flag was raised, the children marched down town. FANNIE TURLINGTON.

Salemburg, N. C.

Helping in Tobacco Marketing

THE Union is waking up the farmers of old Person. They are talking and studying more than ever before,

diversifying their crops, taking more interest in livestock, grain, and grasses and less interest in tobacco, our main money crop, which has ceased to bring in any cash over cost of raising.

We have a large drying plant for redrying tobacco in Roxboro, which we are arranging so we can sell on the cooperative plan or dry and store for the farmers for holding for better prices, which ever they choose.

Person I think holds her own well in membership. Some of the drones have dropped out and others have taken their places.

J. H. FONSHU,

Person County, N. C. Secretary.

Good Work by South Carolina Marketing Bureau

TODAY in cleaning off my desk I found that I had inadvertently misplaced and overlooked your request of June 22 for an article in regard to the marketing situation in this state. This is merely a note to express to you my apologies for my seeming neglect of the request, which I assure you was not intentional.

Incidentally, I might say that since the war began the Bureau of Marketing in this Department has proven a boon to the farmers of this state in the matter of disposing of the products of the farm for cash, products that heretofore they have never been able to convert into cash. At the present time the State Bureau is kept busy all the time, and the farmers of the state, as well as the merchants, are making free and general use of the service. E. J. WATSON,

Commissioner of Agriculture. Columbia, S. C.

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