Along The Way

By Emily Killette

Children are very important to the people of Duplin. Evidence of this fact can be found in county schools.

Duplin citizens are concerned about education and support the local schools to improve the opportunities available to the students. Concern for education did not begin recently; Duplin citizens have always been in the lead when providing schools. Private school located in Duplin were well-known as leading educational facilities before the public school system was established in the 1830s.

Today as in the past Duplin citizens support the local public school system and seek ways to improve both the facilities and the curriculum. A grand jury of Duplin citizens inspected county schools and filed a report in 1935 about the conditions of the buildings. Not only does the report help us realize the locations of school in our county at that time, it also gives us some idea of what kind of facilities were used. The report does not deal with the quality of the school curriculum, only the state of the buildings. The report was published in the February 7, 1935 issue of THE DUPLIN HERALD.

School Buildings in Bad State of Repair, Says Grand Jury

Continuing its work long after adjournment of the sessions of the January term of Duplin County Superior Court, the Grand Jury for the term filed with Clerk of Court R.V. Wells its formal report, one of the most voluminous and complete of any similar documents placed on public record in the county in recent years.

Schools Inspected

We have visited the schools of the county and report the following:

Chinquapin - Building in good condition with the exception that the roof needs some repairs; window shades bad; water and heating sytems not at all satisfactory, although water works are under construction; fountains in building dry; sanitation in building not good, as there are only six commodes to accommodate 450 boys and 10 commodes to accommodate 450 girls; doors to building in such bad condition it is almost impossible to keep property closed; do not find enough desks to comfortably seat all children and it would take around 200 to replace home-made benches which are uncomforatble; tank needed to take care of sewage, larger tank needed to take care of water supply recently made available; seven trucks operated her, including one used at Potter's Hill; consider drivers of these busses fair with the exception of truck No. 14 which needs horn and brakes; more trucks badly needed to eliminate double trips which are disadvangageous to both pupils and teachers.

Potters Hill - Closed account of sickness in community; building in fair condition; truck number 4 without brakes and horn and being operated by boy under 16 years of age;sanitary contions bad.

Outlaws Bridge - Building in fair conditon; need desks for first and second grades; water system bad; toilets in bad condition; trucks operated here by teachers and in good shape.

B.F. Grady - Building needs repair on roof; not enough desks to seat primary grade and chemistry classes; heating system needs inspection; present toilets in bad need of repair and need more toilets to accommodate the school; truck, fair conditon except two which need brakes and starters; tires were weak on these two, also, one drive under 16 years of age who is substituting for regular driver.

Kenansville - Building is in fairly good condition; need desks badly for first, second and third grades; water system in good condition; trucks in fair condition except one which needs dual wheels; all drivers over 16 years of age.

Warsaw Grammar School - Building needs general repairing and 14 additional desks.

Warsaw High School - Building in bad condition and needs general repairing, also needs 50 additional desks; heating equipment not sufficient; should be five radiators in addition to those at present installed; school bus number 65 over-crowded; brake drum needs inspection; bus number 50 has been in operation only about half the time since Christmas because of its being out of repair; bus number 94 in rapair shop, not being operated account of brakes; bus number ? in fairly good condition; bus number 35 in fairly good condition.

Faison - General conditions fairly good, with exception of plastering off in one room and toilets need repairing; three buses, all in fairly good condition.

Calypso - Building in good condition except need improvements in water system; four buses here and all are in fairly good condition except one.

Cobb - Building in bad condition; heating equipment not sufficient; need blackboards and 25 desks.

Wallace Grammar School - Building in bad condition due to leaks and decayed woodwork; some rooms over-crowded and need more desks; doors to building need repairing as they will not stay closed and this makes it uncomfortable in cold weather; heating plant needs some repairs; toilets also in need of repairing.
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Wallace High School - Building in good condition; buses numbers 81, 30,84, 32 and 49 are in fairly good condition; bus number 2 has bad brakes, part of glass out and no lights; bus number 7 needs new tire on left front wheel.

Teachey - Building in fair condition except doors and windows need some repairs.

Rose Hill - Roof on building needs repairing as it leaks in auditorium and is ruining the ceiling; water system not large enough to care for needs of school and they also need more desks in some rooms; buses numbers 66 and 15 in good condition and bus number 23 has no horn and one glass out; need at least two more buses for this school.

Magnolia - Need plumbing fixture in toilets; need more desks to seat children comfortably; buses in good condition.

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