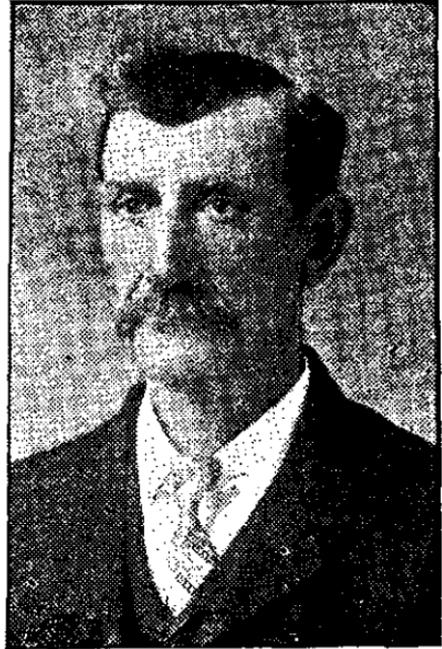




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*For the year*

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## Report of County Superintendent.



TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CLEVELAND COUNTY:

Gentlemen:—

I wish to submit the following report of the work done in the public schools of Cleveland county during the year beginning July 1st, 1905, and ending June 30th, 1906.

Owing to the records kept previous to about 1900 I could not get the dates when the schools were established and the cost of the same.

The report of money expended for school houses during the past three years appears in full and is accurate.

The total cost of the buildings is in most cases estimated, as quite a number of the patrons did some work instead of subscribing money, and no record was kept of this. The present value, of course, is estimated from notes taken during visits to the schools. The needs of the districts are set forth here for your future consideration.

A statistical report of each school is given first, and then a few remarks are made by way of explanation.

**Township No. 1, District No. 1.**

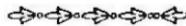
Palmer School.

Teacher—Mr. E. D. Hamrick, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 35; girls 28; total 63; total enrollment 44; average attendance 22½; No. of families sending to school 17; No. of families not sending to school 3; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$150.

The house is seated with desks and has plenty of blackboard space. Otherwise it is in rather bad condition. It is poorly lighted and ventilated. Interest on the part of the patrons seems to be short of what it might be.

**Township No. 1, District No. 2.**

Holly Springs School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. E. C. Greene and Miss Ever Greene, salaries per month \$40 and \$20. Eleven dollars of principal's salary raised by private subscription.

Census—Boys 46; girls 53; total 99; total enrollment 74; average attendance 63; No. of families sending to school 27; No. of families not sending to school 3; No. of illiterates on census roll 2; No. of grades in school 7.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$290.67; total cost \$400. Present value \$500.

This school has a new house fairly well equipped and built on the State's approved plan. Much interest has been manifested in this district and special tax has been agitated. A splendid school has been taught here for the past few years.

No. of volumes in library 84. Pupils using library 60. Times books were taken out 349. Cost of library \$30.

### Township No. 1, District No. 3.



Wood School, established 1905.

Teacher—Mr. B. M. Ellis, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 30; girls 35; total 65; total enrollment 40; average attendance 22. No. of families sending to school 14; No. of families not sending to school 5. No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of house furniture and grounds to the county \$167.32; total cost \$250. Present value \$425.

House is large and commodious. It needs more and better blackboard space. New maple desks have been placed in the school this year, and interest seems to be on the increase.



### Township No. 2, District No. 4.



Mount Pleasant School.

Teacher—Mr. P. C. Smawley, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 34; girls 32; total 66; total enrollment 52; average attendance 30; No. of families sending to school 17; No. of families not sending to school 7; No. of illiterates on census roll 1; No. of grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$250.

House is equipped with desks and blackboards. The district is too small and might be consolidated with district No. 5.



### Township No. 2, District No. 5.



Trinity School.

Teachers—Mrs. Antonette Hamrick and Miss Gazzie Turner, salaries per month \$29 and \$20.

Census—Boys 53; girls 49; total 100; total enrollment

71; average attendance 45. No. of families sending to school 20. No. of families not sending to school 13. No. of illiterates in district 3. No. of grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$300.

Most of the families not in attendance here are sending to Mooresboro.



## Township No. 2, District No. 6.



Boiling Springs School, established 1901.

Teachers—Mr. F. B. Hamrick, Mr. Garland Greene and Miss Julia McSwain.

Census—Boys 81; girls 74; total 155; total enrollment 152; average attendance 96. No. of families sending to school 58. No. of families not sending to school 1. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$144.12. Total cost \$300. Present value \$600.

No. of volumes in the library 95. Books read during session 20. Cost of library \$50. Library established 1903.

House was equipped this year with best quality of silica blackboards and seated with maple desks. The patrons in this district manifest a great deal of interest in the school and would patronize a subscription school liberally for 8 months in the year.



## Township No. 2, District No. 7.



Flint Hill School.

Teacher—Mr. Lauton Blanton, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 41; girls 40; total 81; total enrollment 70; average attendance 36; No. of families sending to school 33; No. of families not sending to school 2; No. of illiterates on census roll 2; No. of grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$100.

House is old and out of date, and is poor in every respect. Interest seems to be very good owing to conditions. Steps should be taken to build a house before the next session.



### **Township No. 2, District No. 8.**



Sharon School, established 1903.

Teachers—Miss Minnie M. Ware and Miss Margie H. Sisk, salaries per month \$27 and \$22.

Census—Boys 52; girls 54; total 106; total enrollment 80; average attendance 54; No. of families sending to school 20; No. of families not sending to school 0; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 8.

This property belongs to the conference and has been leased by the County Board of Education. Cost \$600.

No. of volumes in library 103. Pupils using library 60. Cost of library \$50.



### **Township No. 2, District No. 9.**



Shanghai School.

Teachers—Messrs. W. E. and D. F. McSwain, salaries per month \$29 and \$20.

Census—Boys 58, girls 48, total 106, total enrollment 90, average attendance 52. No. of families sending to school 26. No. of families not sending to school 0. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 8.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$150.

The building is rather poor, but is fairly well equipped. Interest is very good; but this district, as well as No. 8, is too small for two teachers and the two ought to be consolidated and the patrons vote a special tax to establish a permanent high school.

### Township 3, District 10.



Broad River School.

Teacher—Miss Ollie Hoyle, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 29, girls 28, total 57, total enrollment 57, average attendance 34. Families sending to school 22. Families not sending to school 0. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$100.

House is old and rather small. Interest seems to be on the increase.



### Township 3, District 11.



McBrayer School.

Teacher—Mr. J. A. Weaver, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 27, girls 37, total 64, total enrollment 55, average attendance 41. Families sending to school 16. Families not sending to school 4. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$125.

This district is also too small. Reasonable consolidation would increase the advantages and quicken the interest on the part of the patrons.



### Township 3, District 12.



Earl School, established 1906.

Census—Boys 48, girls 45, total 93. Illiterates on census roll 0.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$300, total cost \$800. Present value \$800.

The old school site was sold for \$250 and a new and up-to-date house was built in accordance with State plans.

The district now has one of the best built and equipped houses in the county. A petition has been offered for a special tax election. No school was run this year except a private school, funds being used to pay for house.



### Township 3, District 13.



Randle School, established 1905.

Teacher—Miss Sallie Osborne, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 38; girls 27; total 65; total enrollment 67; average attendance 44. No. of families sending to school 19; No. of families not sending to school 3. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of house furniture and grounds to the county \$66; total cost \$400. Present value \$400.

An excellent school was run here this year and the interest on the part of the people is all that could be desired.



### Township 3, District 14.



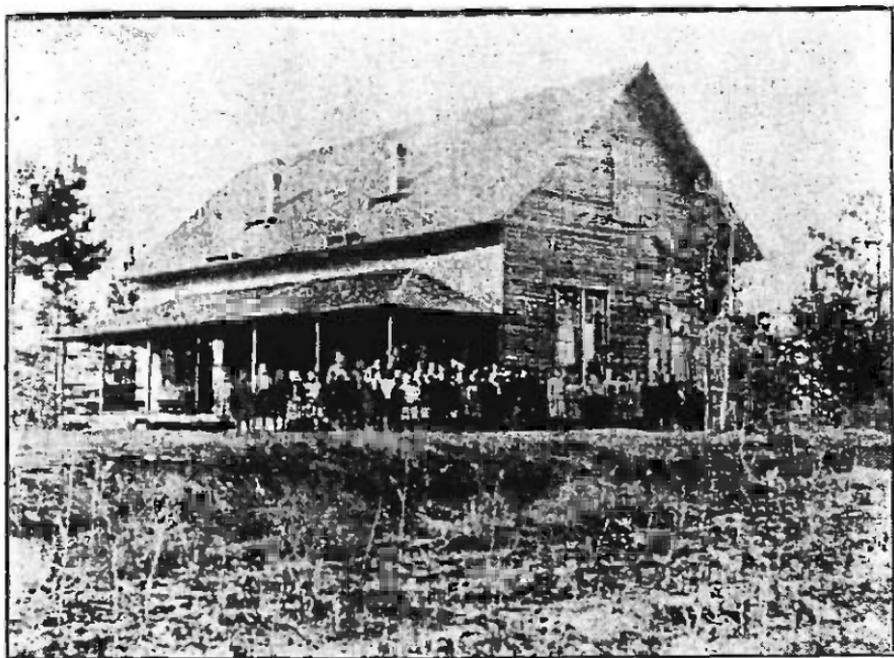
Patterson Springs School.

Teachers—Mr. S. R. Anthony, Mrs. Wm. Lowery and Miss Belva Hamrick, salaries per month \$29, \$25 and \$25.

Census—Boys 52; girls 51; total 128; total enrollment 108; average attendance 93; No. of families sending to school 33; No. of families not sending to school 18; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$400.

This district has a primary school in connection with the district school which proves to be unsatisfactory. A better school could be run by having all attend the same school.



Double Shoals School, District 60.



Belwood Institute, District 57.

### Township 3, District 15.



Pleasant Hill School.

Teacher—Miss Sallie Ware, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 44, girls 22; total 66, total enrollment 39, average attendance 28. No. of families sending to school 16. No. of families not sending to school 0. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$125.



### Township 3, District 16.



Ellis School.

Teacher—Mr. J. C. Camp, salary per month \$29.

Census Boys 24, girls 26, total 50, total enrollment 41, average attendance 25. No. of families sending to school 12. No. of families not sending to school 1. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 5.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$150.

This district might be consolidated with No. 15 to a good advantage. Neither of the houses are adequate and both are poorly equipped, and are situated within a mile and a half of each other.



### Township 4, District 17.

Borders School.

Teacher—Miss Georgia Sepoch, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 36; girls 26; total 62; total enrollment 37; average attendance 26. No. of families sending to school 17; No. of families not sending to school 3. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 7.

Cost of house furniture and grounds to the county \$97.55; total cost \$250. Present value \$200.

The house was moved this year to a place near the center of the district and seems to be more satisfactory.

## Township 4, District 18.



3 B's School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. S. L. Carter, Miss Beulah Herndon and Miss Maggie Lee Harry, salaries per month \$29, \$25, \$18.

Census—Boys 72; girls 71; total 143; total enrollment 111; average attendance 73; No. of families sending to school 34; No. of families not sending to school 5; No. of illiterates on census roll 4; No. of grades in school 6.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$474. Total cost \$575. Present value \$650.

This district has a primary school which had a very poor attendance this year. It is not patronized liberally enough to justify the Board to pay a teacher. The principal building is large enough to accommodate the entire district.



## Township 4, District 19.



Ware School, established 1903.

Teacher—Mr. D. B. Stroup, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 36; girls 25; total 61; total enrollment 56; average attendance 34; No. of families sending to school 12; No. of families not sending to school 2; No. of illiterates on census roll 3; No. of grades in school 6.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$258.23. Total cost \$258.23. Present value \$275.

The house is equipped for two teachers while the district is hardly large enough for one teacher. The house was enlarged last year.

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**Township 4, District 20.**



Elbethel School.

Teacher—Miss Ida Ware, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 43, girls 31, total 74, total enrollment 47, average attendance 38. Families sending to school 18. Families not sending to school 2. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 8.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$256.



**Township 4, District 21.**



Dixon School.

Teacher—Mr. S. C. Ratterree, salary per month \$35. \$6 per month raised by private subscription.

Census—Boys 35, girls 35, total 72. No. of illiterates on census roll 3.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$150.

This is the only place we failed to visit this year as the school closed before the term was more than half out on account of sickness. No report therefore has been made as the term will be finished during the summer.



**Township 4, District 22.**



King's Mountain Graded School, established 1905.

Teachers—S. W. Carmile, Superintendent, salaries per month \$29 each.

Census—Boys 237, girls 231, total 468. Illiterates on census roll 40. Grades in school 8.

Present value of house and grounds \$1200.

The town needs a new building. The present one is old and does not afford any degree of convenience. The site is an excellent one.

### Township 4, District 23.



Patterson's Grove School.

Teacher—Miss Florence Carson, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 49; girls 42; total 91; total enrollment 46; average attendance 33; No. of families sending to school 18; No. of families not sending to school 2; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$200.

A library was established this year but the books came too late for use during the session. The interest was increased here this year.



### Township 4, District 24.



Grover School.

Teachers—Mr. B. M. Weir and Miss Edith Hambright, salaries per month \$29 each.

Census—Boys 65, girls 55, total 110, total enrollment 97, average attendance 77. No. of families sending to school 35. No. of families not sending to school 1. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$400.

Special tax has been agitated here by some of the leading citizens. Factions among the patrons have proven unfortunate for the school this year. We hope to establish a permanent high school here later.



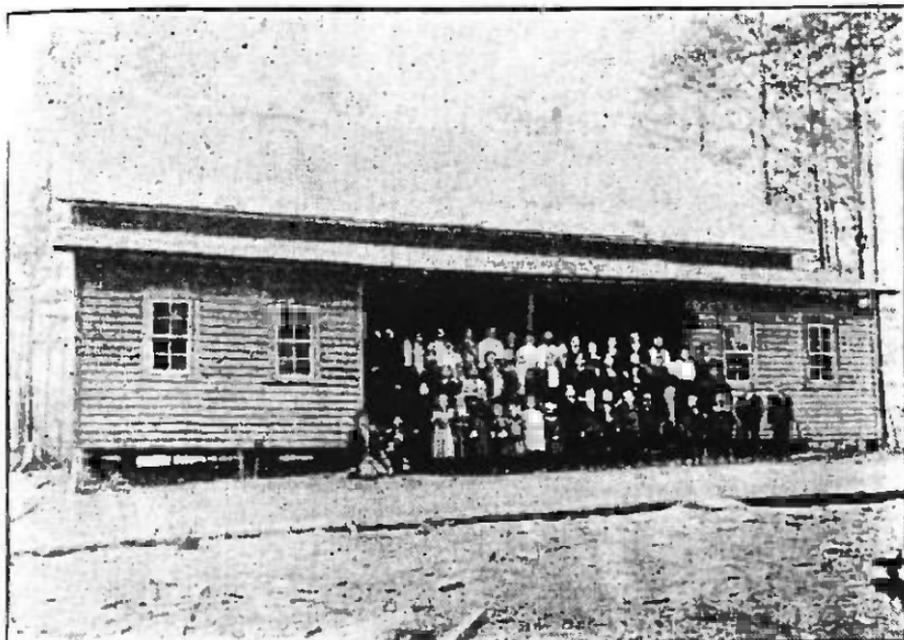
### Township 5, District 25.



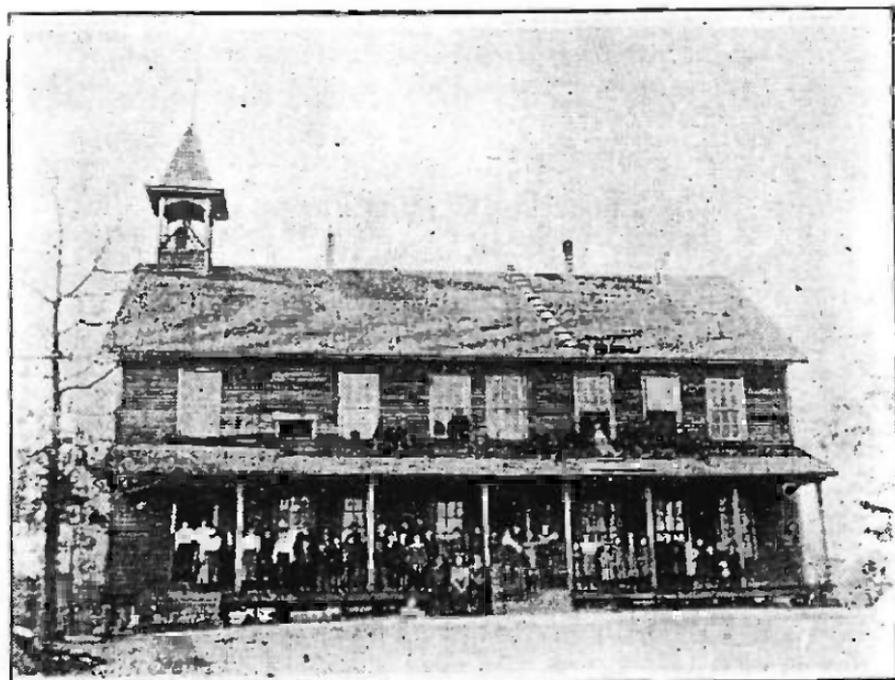
Oak Grove School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. W. D. Putnam and Mrs. Ora C. Blanton, salaries per month \$24 and \$15.

Census—Boys 42, girls 37, total 79, total enrollment



Ledford School, District 65.



Casar High School, District 70.

77, average attendance 47. Families sending to school 29. Families not sending to school 3. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$405.03. Total cost \$405.03. Present value \$550.

The house is built in accordance with State plans, is large, commodious and attractive.



### Township 5, District 26.



Beam School, established 1904.

Teacher—Miss Georgia Lutz, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 36; girls 48; total 84; total enrollment 71; average attendance 48. No. of families sending to school 24. No. of families not sending to school 6. No. of illiterates on census roll 4. No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$256.45. Total cost \$256.45. Present value \$300.

The house is not built in accordance with State plans and is entirely too small for the district. Interest here is not what it should be.



### Township 5, District 27.



Dameron School, established 1904.

Teacher—Miss Dona Cline, salary per month \$25.

Census—Boys 7; girls 14; total 21; total enrollment 23; average attendance 20; No. of families sending to school 12; No. of families not sending to school 0; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 4.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$339.27. Total cost \$339.27. Present value \$400.

Large farms and the large per cent of negro population help to make the census very small in this district. Notwithstanding this fact the area of the district is too

small. The house is built in accordance with State plans. A special tax election was held here and resulted in a vote of seven for and seven against special tax.



### **Township 5, District 28.**



Plonk School.

Teacher—Miss Cora Mauney, salary per month \$29, and boarded by patrons.

Census—Boys 23; girls 20; total 43; total enrollment 37; average attendance 30; No. of families sending to school 13; No. of families not sending to school 0; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$200.

Librarian failed to make a report.



### **Township 5, District 29.**



Lackery School.

Teacher—Mr. V. Q. Stroup, salary per month \$25.

Census—Boys 30, girls 33, total 63, total enrollment 47, average attendance 28. Families sending to school 19. Families not sending to school 6. Illiterates on census roll 3. Grades in school 7.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$69.15. Total cost \$175.00 Present value \$225.



### **Township 5, District 30.**



Waco School.

Teachers—Mr. J. W. Stroup and Miss Jennie Elliott, salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 41, girls 43, total 84, total enrollment 80, average attendance 75. No. of families sending to

school 30. No. of families not sending to school 0. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

No. of volumes in the library 80. Times books were taken out by pupils 90. Cost of library \$42. The district needs a supplementary library, as most of the books are adapted to high school use better than for the lower grades. A special tax election has been ordered, and interest seems to be on the increase.



### **Township 5, District 31.**



St. Paul School.

Teacher—Bertha Lattimore, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 43; girls 40; total 83; total enrollment 58; average attendance 37; No. of families sending to school 20; No. of families not sending to school 7; No. of illiterates on census roll 8; No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$18.16. Present value \$100. The repairing was done last year.

The house is small, poorly ventilated and lighted. Another site ought to be purchased and a new building erected.



### **Township 5, District 32.**



Stubbs School, established 1903.

Teacher—Mr. W. H. Moss.

Census—Boys 43; girls 48; total 93; total enrollment 57; average attendance 31. No. of families sending to school 18; No. of families not sending to school 7. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$250.

This district is composed largely of factory population. The interest might well be increased.

### Township 6, District 33.

Shelby Graded School, established 1892.

Teachers—Prof. W. W. Davidson, Superintendent; J. Y. Irvin, Principal; Misses Loutie Lee, Selma Webb, Madeline Miller, Nancy Tiddy, Annie Smith. Linnie Davis and Ollie Hamrick.

Census—Boys 300, girls 337, total enrollment 245, average attendance 267. No. of illiterates on census roll 3. No. of grades in school 10.

The building was burned in October 1905. Work has already begun on the new one which the trustees hope to have ready for occupancy by October 1st.



### Township 6, District 34.



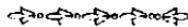
Rock Cut School, established 1904.

Teacher—Miss Sudie Roberts, salary per month \$25.

Census—Boys 28, girls 32; total 60, total enrollment 37, average attendance 29. No. of families sending to school 13. No. of families not sending to school 3. No. of illiterates on census roll 5. No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$94.80. Total cost \$175. Present value \$250.

The house is equipped for two teachers. The district joins district No. 32 in No. 5 township and is sufficiently large enough to accommodate the children of both districts and would be in easy reach of all the patrons.



### Township 6, District 35.



Ross Grove School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. Geo. P. Webb and Miss Bessie Spangler, salaries per month \$35 and \$10. \$6 of the principal's salary was paid by the private subscriptions.

Census—Boys 45, girls 40, total 85, total enrollment 77, average attendance 51. No. of families sending to school 28. No. of families not sending to school 3. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$154.50. Total cost \$160. Present value \$250.

The Board purchased an old church and converted it into a school building. An excellent school was taught here this year. Much credit is due the committee for the work they have done in increasing the interest.



### **Township 6, District 36.**



Elizabeth School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. J. B. Philbeck, Miss Bessie Mauney, salaries per month \$40 and \$25. \$11 of principal's salary raised by private subscription.

Census—Boys 64; girls 96; total 156; total enrollment 118; average attendance 76; No. of families sending to school 38; No. of families not sending to school 8; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$651. Total cost \$750. Present value \$800.

No. of volumes in library 84. Pupils using library 61. Times books were taken out 276. Cost of library \$30.



### **Township 6, District 37.**



Poplar Springs School, established 1903.

Teachers—Mr. J. B. Smith and Miss Maggie Cline, salaries per month \$35 and \$25. Six dollars of principal's salary raised by private subscription.

Census—Boys —, girls —, total —, total enrollment 76, average attendance 56. Families sending to school 24.

Families not sending to school 1. Illiterates on census roll 7. Grades in school 7.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$320.28. Total cost \$500. Present value \$550.

Value of library \$40; books in library 109; books donated during session 25; No. using library during session 59.

House is built in accordance with State's plans and is well equipped.



### **Township 6, District 38.**



Mt. Zion School, rebuilt 1906.

Teacher—Mr. S. S. Mauney, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 24, girls 32, total 56, total enrollment 48, average attendance 34. No. of families sending to school 16. No. of families not sending to school 1. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$180. Total cost \$300. Present value \$325.

This is a sparsely populated district but the interest is good. A new house was built this year but still lacks desks and more blackboard space.



### **Township 6, District 39.**

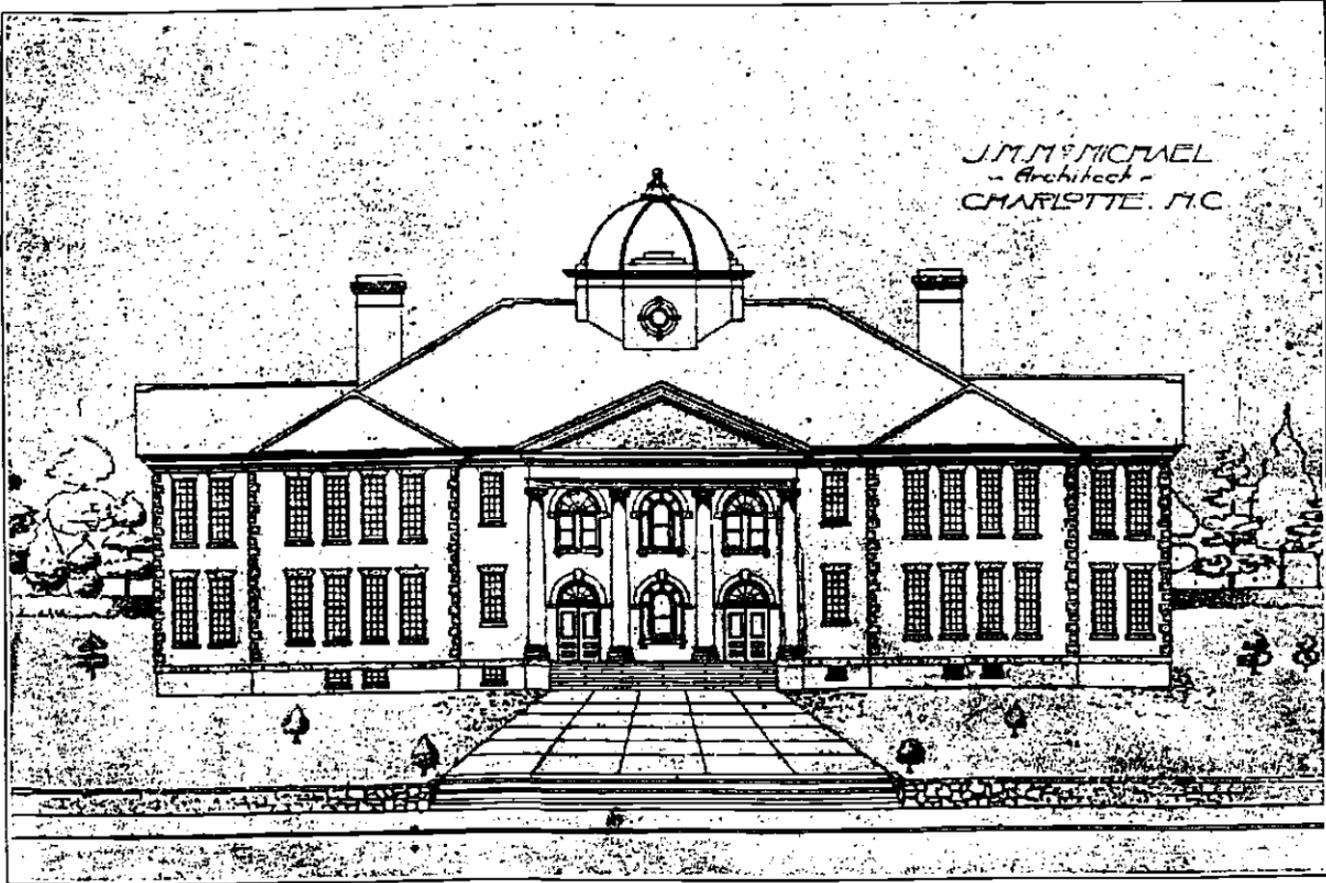


Zoar School, established 1903.

Teachers—Mr. V. A. Gardner and Miss Mabel Jetton, salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 83; girls 91; total 174; total enrollment 84; average attendance 51; No. of families sending to school 28; No. of families not sending to school 12; No. of illiterates on census roll 17; No. of grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$400; total cost \$400; present value \$200.



Shelby Graded School Building, Cost \$25,000.

The Board purchased an old church and converted it into a school building. It is rather poorly equipped. A part of this district is composed of the Lilly Cotton Mill.

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### Township 7, District 40.



Beaver Dam School, established 1904.

Teachers—Miss Maggie Glasco and Mrs. Ada Brown, salaries per month \$29 and \$20.

Census—Boys 71; girls 54; total 125; total enrollment 85; average attendance 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ . No. of families sending to school 38; No. of families not sending to school 5. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$559.88. Total cost \$600. Present value \$650.

No. of volumes in library 85. Value of library \$35. No. of times books were taken out by pupils 118. Library established late in the session.

An election for special tax resulted in a vote of 33 for and 31 against special tax.



### Township 7, District 41.



Double Springs School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. J. L. Greene and Miss Edith Dixon, salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 55; girls 48; total 103; total enrollment 93; average attendance 65; No. of families sending to school 37; No. of families not sending to school 2; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school —.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$350. Total cost \$875. Present value \$875.

Librarian failed to make a report.

House is one of the very best in the county, is well equipped with maple desks. Needs more blackboard space for the primary department.

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## Township 7, District 42.



Cabaniss School, established 1900.

Teacher—Mr. M. L. White, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 24, girls 26; total 50, total enrollment 50, average attendance 37. No. of families sending to school 22. No. of families not sending to school 0. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$35.00. Total cost \$225. Present value \$325.

An exhibition was held at the close of the school at which there were over 750 people in attendance.



## Township 7, District 43.



Wright School, established 1904.

Teachers—Miss Carrie Beam and Miss Fannie Jones, salaries per month \$27 each.

Census—Boys 67; girls 55; total 122; total enrollment 85; average attendance 49. No. of families sending to school 10. No. of families not sending to school 2. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$362. Total cost \$375. Present value \$400.

The house is practically without seats. The committee, however, are making an effort to seat the house for the next session, expecting to use the best maple desks. Notwithstanding the poor equipment an excellent school was taught here this year.

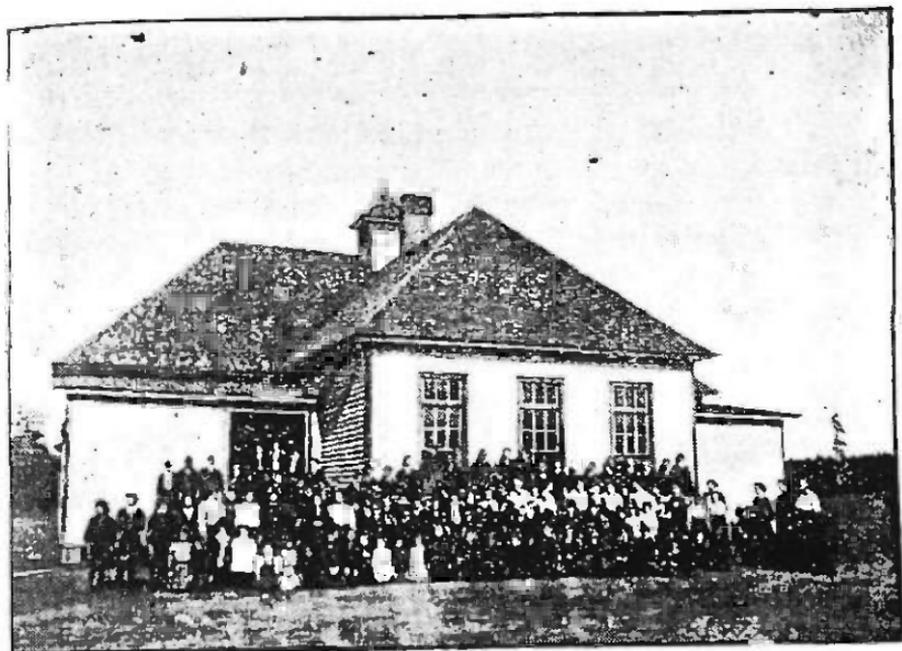


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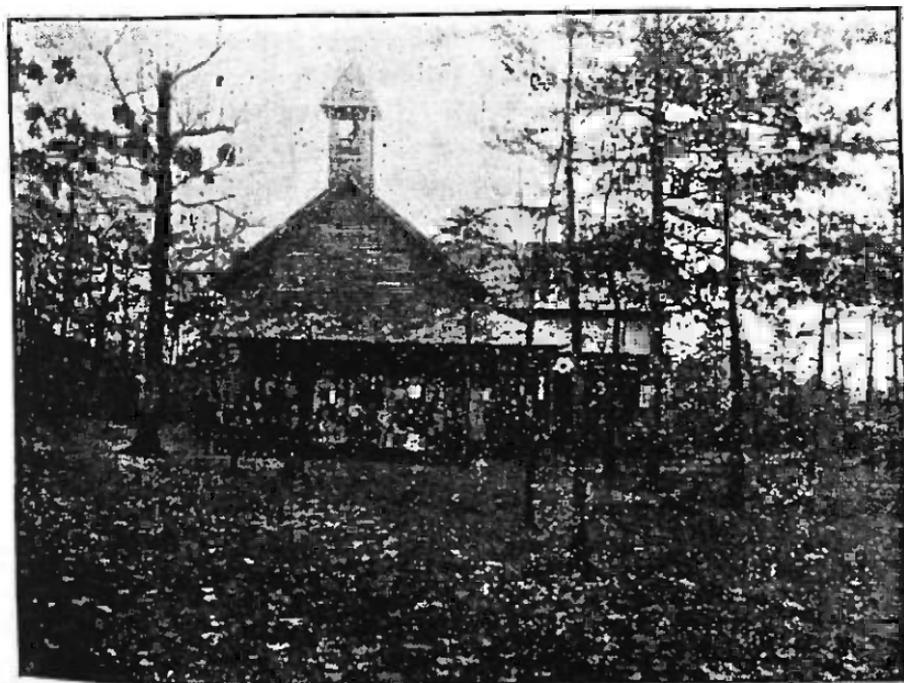


Mooresboro School, established 1904.

Teachers—Misses Daisy Lovelace, Lillah Bridges and



Mooresboro, District 44.



Beam's Mill, District 56.

Willda Scoggins, salaries per month \$29, \$25 and \$25.

Census—Boys 84, girls 77, total 161, total enrollment 148, average attendance 109. No. of families sending to school 46. No. of families not sending to school 6. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$500. Total cost \$1300. Present value \$1300.

No. of volumes in library 106. No. of pupils enrolled during session 154. No. of times books were taken out by pupils 100. Funds have been raised for a supplementary library.



### **Township 7, District 45.**



Lattimore's School, established 1903.

Teachers—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Chambers, salaries per month \$27 each.

Census—Boys 49; girls 51; total 100; total enrollment 94; average attendance 83; No. of families sending to school 44; No. of families not sending to school 2; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school —.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$425. Total cost \$800. Present value \$800.

An election for special tax resulted in a vote of 44 to 4 in favor of special tax. The prospects are very bright for establishing a good high school here. The library was gotten too late for a report from it this year.



### **Township 7, District 46.**



Rehobeth School, established 1904.

Teacher—Mr. J. D. Eskridge, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 33; girls 45; total 78; total enrollment 76; average attendance 41; No. of families sending to school 26; No. of families not sending to school 1; No. of illiterates on census roll 8; No. of grades in school 7.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$20. Total cost \$200. Present value \$200.

The school building is an old church which was donated to the school board by the stewards. On the whole it does not present a very attractive appearance.



## Township 7, District 47.



Pleasant Ridge School.

Teacher—Mr. J. U. Rollins, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 29; girls 30; total 59; total enrollment 49; average attendance 35. No. of families sending to school 23; No. of families not sending to school 5. No. of illiterates on census roll 4. No. of grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$75.

House is too small and is very poorly equipped. Interest seems to be on the increase.



## Township 8, District 48.



Henry Warlick School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. Oscar Fortenberry and Miss Creola Peeler. salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 61; girls 49; total 110; total enrollment 72; average attendance 44. Families sending to school 37. Families not sending to school 14. Illiterates on census roll 3. Grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$387; total cost \$425; present value \$500.

The above shows the statistics for only two months as the term could not be finished for the want of a teacher.

## Township 8, District 49.



Willis, W. S. Lattimore School.

Teachers—Miss Josie Spake and Mr. Carlo Swafford, salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 54, girls 59, total 113, total enrollment 65. average attendance 38. Families sending to school 17. Families not sending to school 5. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$200.

This district contains two schools. One of them has been run as a branch school of the other. The two together with No. 53 might be consolidated, transferring the border pupils to the adjoining districts.



## Township 8, District 50.



Powell School.

Teachers—Mr. O. J. Lattimore and Miss Nora Elliott, salaries per month \$29 and \$20.

Census—Boys 70, girls 50, total 120, total enrollment 109, average attendance 46. Families sending to school 36. Families not sending to school 9. Illiterates on census roll 1. Grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$250.

Librarian failed to make a report. The books are old and have not been read extensively this term.



## Township 8, District 51.



Elliott School, established 1904.

Teachers—Miss Daisy Hunt and Miss Luna Lattimore, salaries per month \$29 and \$10.

Census—Boys 43, girls 54, total 97, total enrollment 65, average attendance 45. Families sending to school 23.

Families not sending to school 4. Illiterates on census roll 4. Grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$0, total cost \$250, present value \$300.



### **Township 8, District 52.**



Union School, established 1903.

Teachers—Mrs. J. D. Eskridge and Miss Ella Dixon, salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 86, girls 67, total 153, total enrollment 123, average attendance 72. Families sending to school 38. Families not sending to school 14. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$275, total cost \$550, present value \$750.

An excellent school has been taught here for the past few years and the interest seems to be very good this year. Sentiment is developing in favor of special tax.



### **Township 8, District 53.**



Hopkin Hill School.

Teacher—Miss Jennie Lattimore, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 32, girls 32, total 64, total enrollment 48, average attendance 23. Families sending to school 21. Families not sending to school 3. Illiterates on census roll 3. Grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$100.



### **Township 8, District 54.**



New House School.

Teachers—Miss Cora Scruggs and Miss Bettie Rollins, salaries per month \$29 and \$20.

Census—Boys 46; girls 46; total 92; total enrollment 74; average attendance 43. No. of families sending to school 34. No. of families not sending to school 7. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 7.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$250.

This is a joint school with Rutherford county. The house has only one room and the attendance does not justify more than one teacher.



### Township 8, District 55.



Palm Tree School.

Teacher—Mr. J. G. Lattimore, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 35, girls 38; total 73, total enrollment 45, average attendance 22. No. of families sending to school 14. No. of families not sending to school 3. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$25.00. Present value \$100.

The house is an old church house. The attendance is very small as compared with what it should be.



### Township 9, District 56.



Beam's Mill School, established 1901.

Teachers—Misses Florence Wilson and Essie Elliott, salaries per month \$29 and \$20.

Census—Boys 45; girls 37; total 82; total enrollment 89; average attendance 66; No. of families sending to school 30; No. of families not sending to school 1; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$75. Total cost \$350. Present value \$600.

No. of volumes in library 85. Pupils using library 68. Times books were taken out 363. Cost of library \$35.

General interest here is very good, due largely to the work of the committee and tireless efforts of the teachers.



### **Township 9, District 57.**



Belwood School.

Teachers—Mrs. Sallie E. Jones, Mr. L. M. Wilson and Miss Loula B. Wilson, salaries per month \$29, \$25 and \$20.

Census—Boys 100, girls 85, total 185, total enrollment 157, average attendance 100. Families sending to school 55. Families not sending to school 4. Illiterates on census roll 5. Grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$250. Total cost \$2,000. Present value \$2,500.

No. of books in library 108. Pupils in school using library 157. Times books were taken out 183. Cost of library \$75.



### **Township 9, District 58.**

Piedmont High School.

Teachers—Prof. W. D. Burns, Principal; Mr. P. L. Newton, Miss Kate Shellam and Miss Dora Falls.

Census—Boys 141, girls 132, total 273, total enrollment 140, average attendance 104. No. of families sending to school 74. No. of families not sending to school 22. No. of illiterates on census roll 17. No. of grades in school 10.

This property belongs to private stock holders. It is easily the foremost high school in the county and will take rank among the leading high schools in the State. The building will be enlarged by a \$2,000 addition, which will be completed by July 15th.



### **Township 9, District 59.**



Royster School, established 1904.

Teachers—Miss Edna Dixon and Miss Eugenia Elliott, salaries per month \$29 and \$15.

Census—Boys 40; girls 33; total 73; total enrollment 53; average attendance 44. Families sending to school 17. Families not sending to school 8. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 7.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$345.35; total cost \$525; present value \$600.



### **Township 9, District 60.**



Double Shoal School, established 1903.

Teachers—Mr. C. F. Gold and Miss S. Lou Greene, salaries per month \$29 and \$22.

Census—Boys 57, girls 55, total 112, total enrollment 92, average attendance 73. Families sending to school 44. Families not sending to school 6. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 10.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$360. Total cost \$425. Present value \$450.



### **Township 9, District 61.**



Fallston School, established 1904.

Teachers—Miss Mary Wright, Miss L. Beam and Mr. C. M. Ledford, salaries per month \$27.

Census—Boys 65; girls 54; total 119; total enrollment 95; average attendance 69. No. of families sending to school 38; No. of families not sending to school 0. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$511. Total cost \$511. Present value \$600.

This district has a branch school taught this year by C. M. Ledford. It ought to be discontinued after this year as all the patrons are within easy reach of the Fallston school.

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## Township 9, District 62.



Richard School, established 1903.

Teacher—Mr. Robert L. Hunt, salary per month \$29.

Census—Boys 40, girls 48, total 88, total enrollment 64, average attendance 38. Families sending to school 24. Families not sending to school 3. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$130, total cost \$260, present value \$300.



## Township 9, District 63.



Hayes School.

Teacher—Miss Sallie Allen, salary per month \$28.

Census—Boys 25, girls 60, total 85, total enrollment 25, average attendance 42. Families sending to school 20. Families not sending to school 2. Illiterates on census roll 3. Grades in school 8.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$100.

This is a joint school with Lincoln county.



## Township 10, District 64.



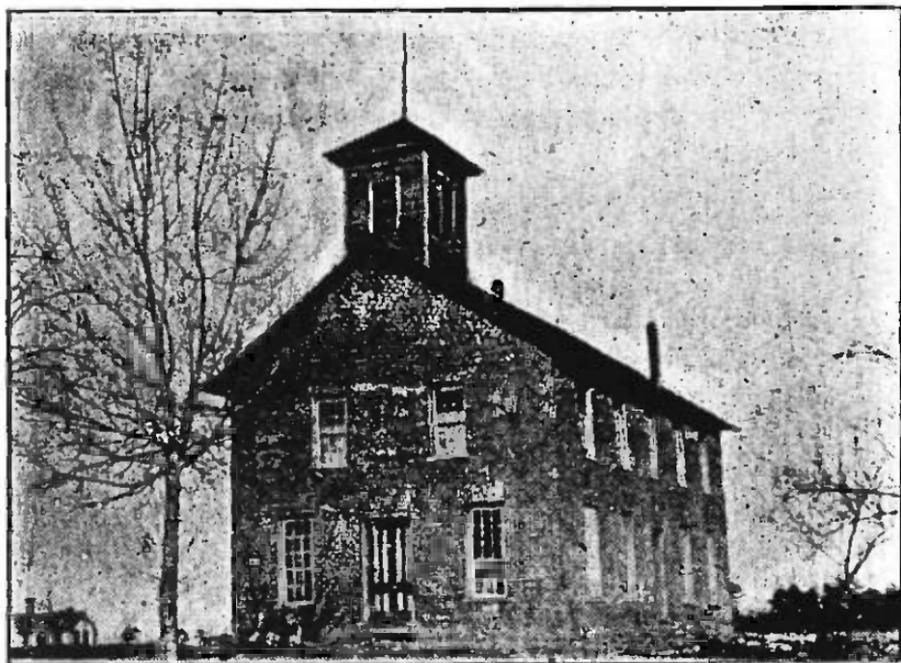
St. Peter School, established 1904.

Teachers—Misses Joyce Carpenter and Minnie Boggs, salaries per month \$25 each.

Census—Boys 59, girls 49, total 108, total enrollment 88, average attendance 65. No. of families sending to school 34. No. of families not sending to school 0. Illiterates on census roll 5. Grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to county \$291.-65. Total cost \$541.65 Present value \$600.

The interest in the district has always been very good. A splendid school was taught here this year.



Fallston School, District 61.



St. Peter's School, District 64.

## Township 10, District 65.



Ledford School, established 1904.

Teachers—Rev. A. P. Bumgardner and Miss Bessie Ledford, salaries per month \$29 and \$15.

Census—Boys 47; girls 42; total 89; total enrollment 70; average attendance 40; No. of families sending to school 20; No. of families not sending to school 12; No. of illiterates on census roll 0; No. of grades in school 7.

Cost to the county of house furniture and grounds \$380. Total cost \$380. Present value \$425.



## Township 10, District 66.



Hoyle School, established 1904.

Teachers—Mr. Doner Mull and Mr. Bergin Willis, salaries per month \$25 and \$20.

Census—Boys 50, girls 55, total 105, total enrollment 76, average attendance 47. Families sending to school 26. Families not sending to school 8. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$51.50, total cost \$350, present value \$400.



## Township 10, District 67.



A. D. Warlick School, established 1904.

Teachers—Miss Mary Lutz, Mr. H. T. Willis, salaries per month \$29 and \$10.

Census—Boys 60; girls 58; total 116; total enrollment 78; average attendance 39; No. of families sending to school 42; No. of families not sending to school 2; No. of illiterates on census roll 4; No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$269.90. Total cost \$400. Present value \$450.

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**Township 11, District 68.**



Logan School, established 1904.

Teachers—Messrs. A. C. Brackett and P. M. Whisnant, salaries per month \$29 and \$25.

Census—Boys 62; girls 58; total 120; total enrollment 68; average attendance 52. No. of families sending to school 17; No. of families not sending to school 15. No. of illiterates on census roll 0. No. of grades in school 6.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$500.50. Total cost \$520.50. Present value \$525.



**Township 11, District 69.**



McNeilly School.

Teachers—Misses Christina Brackett, Essie Crotts, salaries per month \$27.

Census—Boys 31, girls 21, total 52, total enrollment 39, average attendance 23. Families sending to school 14. Families not sending to school 7. Illiterates on census roll 3. Grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$150.

This district has two schools, one being a branch of the other. It is located in the mountainous section of the county and the interest is not good.



**Township 11, District 70.**



Casar School.

Teachers—Messrs. J. H. Brackett, A. B. Peeler and A. C. Wortman, salaries per month \$29, \$25 and \$15.

Census—Boys 82; girls 89; total 171; total enrollment 151; average attendance 86. Families sending to school 48.

Families not sending to school 10. Illiterates on census roll 0. Grades in school 8.

Cost of building furniture and grounds to the county \$460; total cost \$600; present value \$650.

This is the first rural district in the county to vote a special tax. The amount however is too small to support a good high school, the levy being only 15 cents.



## Township 11, District 71.



Point School.

Teacher—Mr. W. G. Devinney, salary per month \$26.

Census—Boys 23, girls 21, total 44, total enrollment 44, average attendance 20. Families sending to school 15. Families not sending to school 2. Illiterates on census roll 19. Grades in school 6.

Present value of house furniture and grounds \$75.

This is a joint school with Rutherford county. The house is very small and poorly equipped. Cleveland county would not need this district but for a few families who live in the extreme part of the county.



## Summary--White Schools.



No. of schools 71. Total number of teachers 136. Census—boys 3,884; girls 3,764; total 7,648; total enrollment 6,531; average daily attendance 3,730; average salary paid teachers per month \$25.30. (From county) No. of children between 12 and 21 who can not read and write 161. Total number of children on census blanks not attending school 1,117. No. of families sending to school 1,901. No. of families not sending to school 462. Value of school buildings and grounds, including furniture, \$60,000. Cost of school buildings and grounds to county for past five years \$12,749. No. of libraries in the county

19. No. established this year 7. No. of supplementary libraries established this year 3. No. of volumes in the libraries 1,647. No. volumes taken out by the children 1,719.



## Colored Schools.



Rock Cut School, District 1—P. C. Young teacher, census 63, enrollment 17, attendance 11, salary of teacher \$18.

Boiling Springs School, District 2—Census 125, enrollment 80, attendance 40, salary of teachers \$37, C. F. Gingles and Jennie Hamilton.

Shoal Creek School, District 3—Census 92, enrollment 78, attendance 55, salary of teacher \$22, Ida L. Roberts.

Patterson Springs School, District 4—Census 101, enrollment 72, attendance 47, salary of teacher \$20, Albert Hord.

Vestibule School, District 5—Census 142, enrollment 131, attendance 54, salary of teachers \$37, Dathula Roberts and Noler Ellis.

Compact School, District 6—Census 102, enrollment 94, average attendance 79, salary of teacher \$20, Rev. R. H. Simmons teacher.

Long Branch School, District 7—Census 81, enrollment 55, attendance 37, salary of teacher \$20, C. F. Roberts teacher.

King's Mountain Graded School, District 8—Census 100, enrollment 65, attendance 40, salary of teacher \$22, J. L. Leeper.

Washington School, District 9—Census 183, enrollment 97, attendance 40, salary of teachers \$37, David Oates and Georgia Oates.

Ebenezer School, District 10—Census 88 enrollment 64, attendance 32, salary of teacher \$20, Inez Roberts.

Eli Roberts School, District 11, David Miller teacher, census 62, enrollment 30, attendance 13, salary of teacher \$20

Shelby Graded School, District 12—Census 166, enrollment 136, attendance 90, salary of teachers \$40, Rev. R. Shipp and Mary O. Roberts.

Poplar Springs School, District 13—Census 42, enrollment 23, attendance 11, salary of teacher \$15, Fleming C. Williamson.

Eskridge Grove School, District 14—Census 109, enrollment 68, attendance 36, salary of teacher \$20, Rev. J. W. Roberts teacher.

Mooresboro School, District 15—Census 55, enrollment 47, attendance 30, salary of teacher \$20, Florence Wells teacher.

Brooks Chapel, District 16—Census 74, enrollment 50, attendance 32, salary of teacher \$20, Isabel Wells teacher.

Bostic Grove School, District 17—Census 28, enrollment 23, attendance 18, salary of teacher \$18, Maudie Gidney teacher.

Philadelphia School, District 18—Census 65, enrollment 47, attendance 32, salary of teacher \$20, Cora Mauney teacher.

Douglas School, District 19—Census 80, enrollment 73, attendance 45, salary of teachers \$40, Florence Mills and Nettie Smith teachers.

Flat Rock School, District 20—Census 57, enrollment 45, attendance 32, salary of teacher \$20, Ed S. Beam teacher.

Big Hill School, District 21—Mamie Beam teacher.

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census 35, enrollment 29, attendance 26, salary of teacher \$18.

Hunt School, District 22—Census 42, enrollment 16, attendance 6, salary of teacher \$20, J. W. Shuford teacher.



### **Summary--Colored Schools:**



Number of schools 22; total number of teachers 27; census 1,892; enrollment 1,350; average attendance 806; average salary paid to colored teachers \$19.40.





Dougless Academy (Colored School,) District 19.



Clarkson Institute (Colored.)

## Financial Statement.

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Total school fund from all sources.....	\$22,102.21
Paid for white teachers .....	12,744.67
Paid for colored teachers.....	1,791.45
County Superintendent's salary or commission...	833.02
County Superintendent's expense.....	39.80
Sites for whites .....	50.00
Building for whites.....	635.82
Repairs for whites.....	160.70
Repairs for colored.....	58.42
Mileage and per diem of Board of Education.....	77.25
Printing and advertising.....	23.55
Wood for whites.....	457.93
Wood for colored.....	103.90
Supplies for whites.....	323.77
Census whites.....	77.75
Census colored .....	19.95
Supplies colored.....	27.68
Books and stationery.....	54.35
Office rent for Superintendent.....	40.00
Certificate to State Report (Tiddy) .....	2.00
Certificate to State Report E. S. Campbell.....	1.00
B. R. Lacy installment on loan .....	612.01
W. H. Eskridge, recording deeds.....	19.50
First National Bank note.....	3,500.00
Treasurer's commission.....	428.56
Total disbursements.....	\$22,107.08



## Teacher's Institutes.



In order to have good schools we must have good teachers to teach them. And there is no way by which a teacher can be fitted for the work as well as by attending teacher's meetings and summer schools. The short terms of the schools and low salaries the teachers receive will not enable them to attend a normal training school. So the majority of our teachers must be content to attend an institute held somewhere in the county within easy reach of them and where the expenses will be reduced to a minimum.

Realizing these conditions we held an institute of four weeks duration. In order to get good accommodations in both board and school room equipment Piedmont High School was selected as the place. 114 teachers were in attendance and the interest increased from day to day. Class room work was done with the teachers as pupils and methods taught incidentally. Special emphasis was placed upon primary work. All the teachers were drilled in the use of sounds and the phonetic methods. It is very gratifying to note the progress some of the teachers have made with this method and their work is sufficient to establish its superiority over the old method of teaching beginners. Short talks were made on how to increase attendance and enlist the patrons in the interest of the school and how to care for the health of the children in the school room. On the whole much good was done during this school and we are convinced that it is a better policy to hold longer terms than to hold short institutes oftener. Examinations were held at the close of the school and certificates issued to 32 teachers: First grade, males 9, females 10. Second grade, males 3, females 10. Another examination was held in October and certificates issued as follows: First grade, males 15, females 22. Second grade, males 2, females 10. Third grade, males 4, females 6.

No summer school was held last summer for the colored teachers, but one will be held during the following summer. The examinations were held for the colored teachers in August and October and certificates given as follows: First grade, males 5, females 4. Second grade, males 16, females 20. The grade of scholarship among the colored teachers as a general rule is rather low, but the race as a whole is enthusiastic over education.

### **Teacher's Clubs.**

A County Teacher's Association was organized in November, with Geo. P. Webb President and M. L. White Secretary. All the teachers are required to attend the meetings of this association. Owing to the unfavorable weather only two successful meetings were held during the school term. The last meeting was a decided success. A program was arranged consisting of discussions of various topics assigned certain teachers and of classes taught by some of the teachers from the Shelby Graded School for the benefit of the association.

In addition to the teacher's Association teacher's clubs were organized comprising two adjoining townships. This gives from fourteen to twenty teachers to each club. These clubs have the same officers as the Association and they confer with the County Superintendent in regard to the time of meeting so that he can arrange to be present at each meeting. Some of the clubs met three times while the schools were in session. Experience shows that a more successful meeting can be had by taking one of the school days for the meeting as a better attendance can be secured. Programs are sent to all the teachers assigning a subject to each.

No teacher's clubs for the colored teachers have been organized owing to the fact that they are scattered over the county at considerable distances apart and it is difficult to get them together.

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## **Communication with Committees and Teachers.**

When it was necessary to communicate with committeemen and teachers in a general way we have used the columns of our county papers which have been generously extended to us. We are very grateful to the editors for the interest they have taken with us and the service they have rendered the cause of education.

Quite a number of circular posters and printed programs have been sent out from time to time announcing public gatherings, etc. A copy of the Committeemen's Record has been placed in the hands of each committee. They have been used to some advantage by some of the committees and have aided them in electing the teachers according to law.

Generally speaking our committees are composed of conscientious men who are interested in education and try to do their duty as sworn guardians of the little children. Some of them have rendered valuable service by frequent visits to the school and by urging their neighbors to send the children to school.

## **Gradation of Schools.**

With a few exceptions the schools have been carefully graded and the new register accurately kept. The County Superintendent visited the schools for the purpose of assisting in grading the schools when requested to do so. Grading of the pupils has encouraged them by showing them where they properly belong. In order to assist the teacher in grading the school a graded course of study was prepared by the Superintendent and placed in the hands of each teacher. In addition to a specific statement as to what should compose each grade the pamphlet contains a few suggestions on method and discipline.

## **Census.**

The census for the most part is by no means accurate.

Nor is this in every case the fault of the census taker. The per cent of illiteracy for the white children is — per cent. While we believe this can and will be reduced we believe that a carefully taken census would show a higher per cent. of illiteracy. The trouble seems to be in that the bounds of the districts are not well defined.

The Board of Education needs a map of the county laid off with reference to the public roads with the school district as a unit. Such a map would cost more than the available funds just now would justify but it would be economy to provide one. A large portion of the county needs re-districting and the bounds of the district well defined. A reasonable amount of consolidation with a few districts would greatly increase school facilities.

### **Special Tax.**

The sentiment in favor of special tax for longer terms and better paid teachers is growing gradually. Some educational campaigning has been done the result of which has been elections held in six places, three of which carried while three were lost. In one of these which lost the vote was a tie and in the other more votes were cast for special tax than against it, which goes to show the attitude of the people toward special tax.

Some of the most progressive districts have paid their teachers supplemented salaries raised by private subscription and it is only a matter of time when practically all the districts will vote this special tax.

### **School Houses.**

Cleveland county has some buildings that will favorably compare with those of any county of the State so far as our information goes. Cuts of some of the best buildings appear in this report, but they do not represent all of the best buildings. Three new buildings have been built this year in accordance with the State's approved plans. One of them, that of Earl is a model of its kind, being one of the handsomest in the county.

Experience has taught us that it pays to equip a school room with best possible conveniences for comfort to teacher and children. The child ought to have a good comfortable desk with plenty of room which will aid materially in solving the problem of discipline. The teacher ought to have a good wall map, plenty of blackboard space and a good teacher's table. These things are indispensable to the teacher and can be had with little cost by every district.

This year four school houses have been equipped with the best grade of maple desks, and one with the best quality of silica blackboard. These desks although a little higher in price, are cheaper and better in the end than the so called home-made desks.

### **Attendance.**

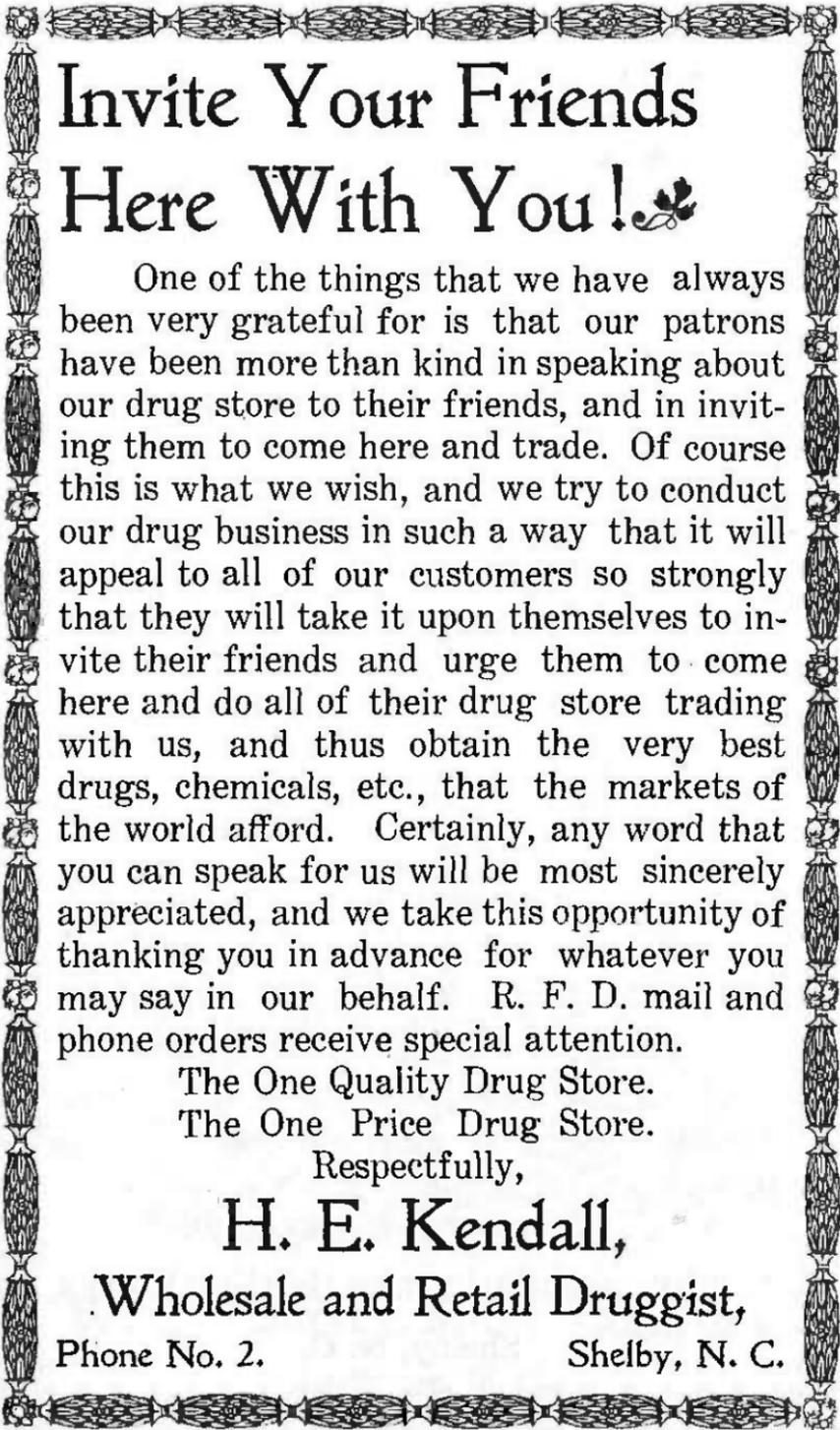
The increased average attendance this year over previous years is more than gratifying. This is due in part to the favorable condition of the weather, but a greater portion of it is due to the increased interest on the part of the patrons and the tireless efforts of the teachers in getting the children in school and keeping them there. In some instances the enrollment is higher than the census. This is due to the fact that some of the patrons are tenants and have moved to the district after the census was taken. In other cases patrons living near the line sent into the adjoining district.

### **Reports.**

In addition to the regular monthly and final reports the teachers were required to make a weekly report to the County Superintendent. These have been a source of information to the Superintendent, and he could not keep well in touch with the work in the several districts without them. We suggest that the same form be printed on a postal card instead of a sheet of paper as this will secure a more prompt report and be more satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. FALLS, Co. Supt.



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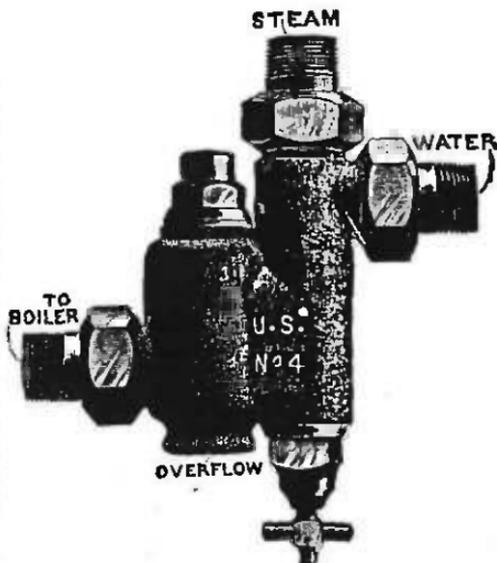
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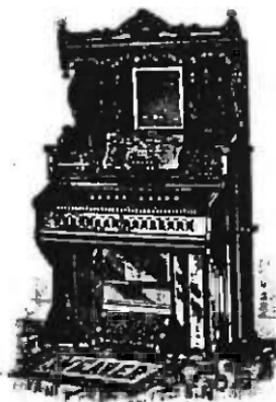
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