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BIG EDUCATORS OF THE STATE MEET IN COVINGTON AND VISIT PARISH SCHOOLS

Work for Educational Advancement in Rural School Instruction in St. Tammany Parish

GATHERING OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF EDUCATION OF DIFFERENT PARISHES, HEADED BY STATE SUPT. T. H. HARRIS

St. Tammany Parish Rural Schools Chosen Because of the Progress Made in Consolidated Schools by Supt. Lyon and the Effort to Make Education Fit Needs of the People of the Section. Talisheek and Central Schools Chosen for Inspection.

The holding of a convention of parish superintendents at Covington is a compliment to St. Tammany parish and an acknowledgment of the excellent results that have been obtained by the systematic and progressive course pursued by Supt. Lyon. It is not claimed that St. Tammany parish is the farthest advanced in its system of rural school work, but the rapidity with which it has progressed by consolidation of schools and the adoption of new thought in the education of the rural school pupil for the position he or she may be called upon to fill is so prominent in contrast with the old and the new as to make the lesson remarkably impressive. The old and the new school houses, but a year or two apart, stand as examples. The school attendance and the manifest interest of teacher and pupil are linked with the evidence of better results.

The schools chosen for demonstrating the improvement made are the Talisheek and the Central, in the sixth ward, because these two schools are best equipped for carrying on improved rural school work, including agricultural and domestic science teaching. Hot beds have been prepared for garden work. The domestic science departments have cases of carpenter tools, good sewing machines, oil stoves, libraries with Encyclopedias, works on agriculture, bulletins issued by the U. S. Government and the State, sections of the various trees showing the growth, grain and texture of wood, cabinets of spices and material used in cooking; microscope for examination of insects or fibers or any product under discussion; engravings illustrating historical incidents. The Central school has a very interesting exhibit of products from corn, such as oil, sugar and feed stuffs, by the American Manufacturing Association of Chicago, and among the library books are such as Industrial Evolution of the United States, by Carroll D. Wright; Principles of Agriculture, by Bailey; General Science, by Clark; Good Housekeeping, etc.

Each of these schools have both the National Air Heaters of the Excelsior Stove Mfg. Co., and the Smith System of Heating, which as well as giving an evenly regulated temperature insure proper ventilation. They also have the improved adjustable steel desks.

Both schools also teach the different parts of the beef and their food value, using the Kaufman-Lattimer Beef Chart, and teach farm accounting, cost and profit, using the Farmers Record, furnished by the St. Tammany Bank & Trust Co. Also a study of soils and divisions of the parish from a parish map. In fact, while the work may be said to be in its infancy there is a good foundation for further advancement, and the reading table furnishes newspapers, magazines and other literature of interest to the pupils.

The Talisheek school has eighty-seven pupils, the teachers being Prof. P. A. Ross, principal; Miss Ella Faine, graduate of Newcomb College Domestic Science Department, and Miss Cora Abel. Miss Faine is teaching the pupils to cut patterns from measurement and do sewing that is required in the household.

The Talisheek two-room school building was built two years ago at a cost of \$1575, and since then a room for domestic science has been added at a cost of \$899. The Central school was also built two years ago at a cost of \$1675, and the additional third room cost \$899. The Audubon two-room school house cost \$1500. The site donated by A. D. Crawford.

Site of Talisheek school was donated by Thomas & Parker.

Trustees: Warren Thomas, Walter Parker, Claude Bilbo, H. Q. Parker parish board member.

Prof. S. L. Taylor is principal of the Central School. Miss Marcia Davies, who is a Tulane graduate and who has had wide experience in the teaching of domestic science, would make a friend of any man through the proverbial process of feeding him with her own cooking. She is teaching this art. Miss Annie Smith, teacher of sewing, is a graduate of the Southwestern Industrial Institute of Lafayette. The school also has three rooms, with sixty-seven pupils.

The Geo. H. Gause heirs donated land to the school and it is intended to add more to the tract later on. The trustees of the school are: Dave Evans, Wm. Welsh, Russell Singletary, Theodore Moran and Isaac Singletary. School board member, H. Q. Parker.

The Audubon school is a two-room school that, while not as well equipped, presented a remarkably neat ap-

pearance and has an instructor in its principal, Prof. Ernest G. Lafleur, who is finely fitted by education and experience for the work. He is assisted by Miss Mamie Braig.

The program of inspected schools included second grade number work; practical spelling, third and fourth grades; agricultural arithmetic, sixth and seventh grades; local geography, fourth and fifth grades; agriculture, seventh grade; lunch served by domestic science class; demonstration lesson, sewing; demonstration lesson, cooking; demonstration canning, direction Miss Martha Williams; discussion of work by superintendent and principal; general discussion led by State Superintendent Harris.

Luncheon was served at the Talisheek school by Miss Ella Faine and her class of ten girls, Fanny May Fatheree, Zelma Ryals, Rowena Kahl, Audrey Richardson, Marie Beder, Ethel Parker, Myra Parker, Ida Parker, Jessie Jones, Maggie Baughman.

The menu, well cooked and nicely served, was: Vegetable soup, homemade bread, chicken salad and mayonnaise dressing, stuffed eggs, stuffed olives and saltines, angel food, chocolate and jelly cake, divinity fudge, coconut candy and coffee.

The entire work of the school and the splendid reception accorded the guests was appreciated.

Dinner was served at the Central school by Miss Davies and her class of 13, Mary Smith, Tena Evans, Ella Moran, Lena Moran, Icy Moran, Beale Moran, Icy Evans, Ida Singletary, Alice Sharp, Lucille Sharp, Beulah Smith, Nettie Evans, Louise Kennedy.

The excellent menu was well cooked and served. It consisted of roast chicken, green peas, rice, tomato salad, mayonnaise dressing, ham and potato salad, pineapple ambrosia, cake, coffee, chocolate fudge.

The faculty is Prof. S. L. Taylor, Miss Annie Smith and Miss Marcia Davies.

The Association of Commerce furnished eight automobiles for the use of the visitors, and President Warner and Mr. E. G. Davis, of the association, very courteously did what they could to make it pleasant for them.

Following is the list of those attending the convention and visiting the schools: State Supt. Harris; Dr. Dowling; C. M. Hughes, east Baton Rouge; E. R. Waller, East Feliciana; John E. Cox, Livingston; J. C. Ellis, Jefferson; Clement Story, St. Bernard; J. C. Blanchard, Plaquemine; E. E. Ortega, Evangeline; H. P. Broussard, Assumption; J. B. Martin, St. Charles; D. H. Stringfield, Washington; Alonzo McFarland, Pointe Coupee; E. S. Richardson, junior extension work, L. S. U.; C. J. Brown, chief rural school supervisor; J. W. Bateman, head of department of rural education State Normal; John R. Coniff, chairman teachers examining committee and institute conductor; C. A. Ives, state high school inspector; W. H. Kahl, 5th ward member of parish board; C. M. Liddle, 9th ward member parish school board; N. H. FitzSimons, president parish school board.

Mrs. N. H. FitzSimons, Mrs. Elmer E. Lyon, Mrs. J. C. Burns and Mrs. E. R. Moses were with the visiting party at the schools.

The day was rainy throughout and prevented the attendance of the ladies, the only one present being Mrs. N. H. FitzSimons, secretary of the School Improvement League. The convention was comfortably seated in the large dining-room of the New Southern Hotel and was presided over by State Supt. Harris, who announced that six subjects would be discussed: school house and equipment; libraries; school sanitation; industrial work; rural school essentials; homes for country teachers.

He said that the purpose of the visit was to inspect a few country schools of modern types, with good school grounds, that employed good school teachers, etc. That the two country schools visited had excellent plants, and that both schools were equipped with modern furniture, had good light and were sanitary. He complimented the parish on the rapid improvement it was making and the general conduct of its schools.

Superintendent Lyon was then called upon to lead in the discussion of the evening and spoke quite at length on the question of school equipment. The subjects were taken up in their order and were led by the following superintendents: Supt. Lyon; Supt. Waller, of East Feliciana; Dr. Dowling, president State Board of Health; J. W. Bateman, of State Normal School; Supt. Crump, of West Feliciana; Supt. Hughes, of East Baton Rouge.

Dr. Dowling's talk was as follows: Dr. Dowling's Address.

Mr. President:

If I were asked what in my opin-

ion is the most desired utility of modern life, I would not name the electric light, the railroad, the telephone, the automobile—but I would name serweage in the home. If I were asked to be specific, as to the sanitary defect which is the cause of the greatest loss of life and the greatest number of cases of illness, I should say without hesitation, careless disposal of waste—the kind that is a transmitting agent of disease in places where morbidity and mortality reports are recorded, it has been found that enteric troubles—diarrhoea, typhoid, etc.—form a large proportion of the illness of the community. As we are without data in Louisiana, except for a few cities, we can not make positive statements. But we know that in rural communities, even in many of our towns and cities, there is much more sickness of this kind than there should be with its consequences in lowered vitality and loss of working power.

Since January, 1914, we have been sending from the Board of Health office cards to all physicians asking that they return with records of cases of communicable diseases. Although there is no expense attached, about twenty-five per cent of the doctors only send in the reports. But even with this number we are able to make some estimate of cases of typhoid fever in the State and the figures are anything but reassuring. There is too little responsibility for a supply of good, clean water. In many schools the drinking water is from a well in depth only a few feet, or from a cistern which has not been cleaned possibly since it was built. In the matter of conveniences it is even worse. Yet potable water and proper disposal of waste are two of the essentials in the protection of health and equally so in its conservation.

You may recall in this connection the survey of three neighborhoods made last year by the Board of Health in one of the parishes in the western part of the State. Conditions there are not unusual. The total number of homes visited was 125. In 115 the source of the drinking water was from surface wells; 33 had closets of the old style insanitary type—a menace to health because of faulty construction and lack of cleanliness—and 92 had no closet of any kind.

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Some of the Educators in Attendance at Superintendents' Convention.



State Superintendent T. H. Harris.



Jno. M. Foote, State Supervisor of Rural Schools.



Supt. E. E. Lyon.



Supt. R. E. Crump.



C. J. Brown, State Inspector of Rural Schools.

Brewster Wins by a Majority that Shows His Popularity to be Greater Even than When He First Ran for the Office Sixteen Years Ago

Frederick Wins in Clerk's Fight, Crawford Wins Assessorship, With Talk of Contest, Delos R. Johnson's Remarkable Victory Shows the People Have Watched His Work in the House, F. J. Heintz Takes It All, and There Will Be Second Primary for Some Offices.

In some respects the election last Tuesday was the most interesting held in many years. In the sheriff's fight practically the only issue was the question of whether a man should be maintained in office for a succeeding number of terms. There was no contention that the office had been mismanaged. There was no claim that Brewster had not made a good sheriff. I was simply said that Brewster had had the office long enough and another man should have a chance at it. And the people answered by giving Brewster the largest majority he has ever had, and the largest, as well as we can remember, had that any sheriff of this parish has had. The election also demonstrated that Brewster, during his four terms of office, has been able to keep his own ward so harmoniously loyal to him that its vote is practically unanimous for him. There were but 11 votes against him. His majority in the parish was 417.

Frederick won over Smith by a majority of 351 for clerk of court, and Crawford won over Koopp for assessor by a majority of 26. There is talk of a contest over this office.

F. J. Heintz, for re-election as state representative, had a walk-over, his majority being 1050.

L. C. Heintz and H. D. Bulloch will be in the second primary. Heintz's plurality over Bulloch was 199.

J. S. Settoon and Delos R. Johnson were elected to the senate from the 19th district. The vote was Settoon 4021; Johnson 5212; Alfred 2722. Bankston figures not at hand. Mr. Johnson will be a new member in the senate. Notwithstanding the fact that he comes from a dry parish, his work in the House of Representatives was a recommendation that could not be overlooked, and St. Tammany parish gave him the largest vote of any parish in the district except his home parish, Washington, which cast 15 more votes, 1400 to 1385.

Pleasant got a big majority in this parish, but the correct figures are not available. In the third ward Pleasant, got 225, Barret 104, and Claiborne got the largest vote for lieutenant governor, 154, the next higher vote being 94 for Mouton. Millsaps got the highest vote for attorney general, 162 Balley for secretary of state, 176; Cpadeville for auditor, 239; Collins for state treasurer, 190; Glisson for register of state land office, 235. The parish figures will not be available until the Parish Executive Committee meets today.

The following police jury members were elected: Ward 1, Louis Peters, no opposition; ward 4, J. M. Smith; ward 7, Wm. Davis; ward 8, H. J. Schneider; ward 9, J. B. Howze; ward 10, R. C. Ainer, no opposition.

Following candidates for police jury member will run in second primary: Ward 2, W. A. Hood and W. M. Galloway; ward 3, E. J. Domergue and Louis Pilaud; ward 5, T. A. Mitchell and S. T. Cowart; ward 6, H. Q. Parker and Fletcher Crawford.



Supt. E. R. Waller.



Supt. D. H. Stringfield.

lected justices of the peace in the third ward; B. Houghton, Sr., ninth ward; J. D. Thomas, fifth ward.

Harry D. Wilson, commissioner of agriculture and immigration, received a large plurality in this parish.

Ward	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Representative—											
F. J. Heintz	196	155	96	321	11	151	141	39	49	117	1557
H. D. Bulloch	27	29	32	79	42	27	27	24	34	152	507
Assessor—											
P. A. Hursey	250	107	64	250	138	78	79	36	67	180	1310
Sheriff—											
T. E. Brewster	11	89	72	181	104	104	118	27	22	96	895
Clerk of Court—											
E. J. Frederick	115	143	71	259	134	124	113	39	62	137	60
A. V. Smith	139	48	63	199	103	69	78	24	23	137	908
Attorney General—											
A. D. Crawford	10	126	70	190	90	117	146	24	59	192	73
Geo. Koopp, Jr.	240	79	59	225	159	64	47	37	31	75	64
Coroner—											
H. D. Bulloch	32	78	88	124	48	64	79	24	27	11	24
L. C. Heintz	102	30	20	141	127	80	85	26	60	132	909
B. E. Warren	62	76	79	159	60	40	27	11	1	32	37