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SCHOOL FIGURES FOR 1915 SHOW INCREASE OVER 1914

First Day's Enrollment Shows That 2,119 Pupils Attended School This Year Against 2,036 Last Year.

Lincoln	304	291
Carey	281	396
Jefferson	190	
Torrence	162	198
Hilton	11	17
Price's Creek	6	9
Total	2,119	2,036

This figure may show an increase by ten or more.

AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL

There Are Seven Buildings This Year Against Six Last - Increase Shows That City is Growing.

As the table shows, the Torrence school failed to gain this year because of the number of people who moved out of the district into the Jefferson or Garfield districts. The Wells failed to show any material gain. The George Washington seemingly shows a loss, but in reality there is no loss as the pupils who helped make last year's figure large are this year in their own district, the Carey.

Almost one hundred children entered school for the first time this year. A table of first rooms is interesting since it tells its own story. Here are the first room tables as Superintendent Aldrich has them:

Jefferson	49	1915	1914
Garfield	39		
Carey	48		
Lincoln	49		
Torrence	29		
George Washington	41		
Wells	43		
Totals	296	200	

The high school enrollment, as stated in The Gate City yesterday, is the largest in the school's history. With the good size scheduled for January from the Grammar school, all records will be smashed for enrollment in this school. It is not going to be a surprising thing if the board finds it necessary to build the addition to the Jefferson which is contemplated by the plans.

The school work started in earnest today, and although the weather was more like summer than most of the days of vacation, the scholars were kept at their books. All of the teachers, regular and special, are here at their desks, and the school programs are moving smoothly now.

The regular meeting of the school board will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the office of the board.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10 cents a week.

Figures available for the first day's enrollment in the Keokuk public schools show that the Keokuk schools have the largest enrollment in their history. Figures for the first day, this year, show the enrollment to be 2,119. For the first day last year the enrollment was 2,036. Figures on enrollment in the first rooms this year total 296 against a total last year of 200. One additional school is to be figured this year over last year, the total number of schools being seven, while last year the total was six. The high school, Hilton and Price's Creek are included in the totals given here.

No hard and fast comparison can be made in the case of the Jefferson and Carey schools. The Jefferson and Garfield drew heavily from the Torrence and Washington districts. And last year it was necessary to open an additional room in the Washington school for the convenience of the overflow from the Carey. This is closed this year.

There will be changes in the enrollment figures by the end of the week, but it is expected that these changes will show an increase rather than any falling off. For in the case of the high school the lowest figure is taken. Dr. Reid, principal of the high school, gives the enrollment for the first day from 300 to 310.

The following table is compiled from figures in the hands of Superintendent Aldrich, and tells better than anything else how Keokuk is growing:

High school	1915	1914
Jefferson	300x	260
George Washington	384	395
Garfield	247	216
Wells	231	254

ELVASTON, ILL.

Last Saturday was a memorable day in the life of our community for on the afternoon of that day, our new school house, the agitation for which was started several years ago by Rev. H. W. Stillman when he was pastor of the local Presbyterian church, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

The program started with the sale by auction, of the coal house, which was much sought after, finally being sold to Hiram Ingersol for \$33. Then the rock from the foundation of the old school house was sold, Lewis Lively buying it, then all collected at the west side of the school house on the new cement walks where a piano had been placed and chairs arranged. By this time a large crowd had collected, which owing to the fact that three threshing machines were working within three miles of town, was made up very largely of women.

A male quartette rendered Auld Lang Syne and Rev. Stillman led in prayer, after which County Superintendent Faris was introduced and spoke for a few minutes, most of his time being spent in explaining the arrangements as to studies, gradings, etc., that would enable graduates to qualify for advanced work in other high schools. Instrumental music followed and Hon. J. W. Williams was introduced. He spoke of the earlier history of the community in general and of events in the early history of the school when the old school house was built and after re-naming, referred to the splendid new school building as a beginning of a period of advancement along the "old Warsaw-Carthage trail."

Mr. Fred Hanson had quietly called on patrons of the school and raised a neat little sum, with which he had purchased a beautiful chair and at this time Mr. Hopson, the general contractor from Stillwell, was called forward and the chair was presented to him in a few well chosen words by Rev. Todd. Mr. Hopson, in his few weeks among us has "strung" the town, the direct, straightforward way he has of doing his work and the keen knowledge he possesses of his work has won a host of friends for him in our midst, the directors were loud in their praises of him and as he appeared on the scene the loudest applause of the afternoon was given. He responded in his own way, and his wife and two daughters who had come from home to witness the dedication, appeared as happy as he.

The male quartette, Messrs. Wallace, Campbell, Miller and Todd, sang again and after a few remarks by Rev. Todd, the teaching staff, Professor Leinbaugh of Dallas, Miss Trone of Burlington, and Miss Groom, of Basco were introduced and then our to be janitor of the district, who was introduced, and his good natured, who smiled as if he were a little more genial than usual. The directors, Messrs. Grauf, Hanson and Ewins, were introduced and the Rev. Stillman addressed the audience with the same earnestness and interest that has made him so popular during his long pastorate.

He said in part that while here he had realized the great need of a better, larger building for the whole township and that he had spent much time and labor in advocating a township high school, but finding that sentiment was not advanced far enough for that, he had urged the building of a more modern school with one more room for the community and no doubt the present new building has come as a result of the agitation started by him and a few others, several years ago.

Many present know this to be so. He expressed the satisfaction it gave all present to know that this new building, with its three well-lighted rooms, in natural finish and the three basement play rooms, all finished with concrete floors, to be used by the children at recesses on stormy days, and the splendid heating plant, bespoke better times and better educational possibilities or the future of Elvaston.

Rev. Henry Barbor of the local Baptist church, expressed his appreciation of the splendid building and equipment and faithful work of all concerned, all joined in singing American and the exercises came to a close after a prayer by Rev. Todd. The crowd proceeded to look through the building and all agreed that Elvaston enters a new era educationally when school opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopson and their two daughters returned to their home Saturday night. Mr. Hopson expected to spend most of his time Sunday in his new chair.

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to teach the Fairview school, attended the dedication exercises Saturday afternoon. Mrs. James Ewing and Lois and Lucile returned from Kremlin, Okla., Friday. Miss Grace Marshall returned from a ten day visit in Kahoka, Mo. Miss Alma Martin has returned from a week spent visiting in Carthage. One of the recent delightful social events was the dinner given Wednesday by the Misses Emma and Marguerite Martin. Covers were laid for seven. Those present were the Misses Edna Marshall, Jessie Campbell, Elina Thompson, Dora Cameron, Eva Pomroy and Marguerite and Emma Martin. A most enjoyable time was had. Mr. Clint Hanson and family of Mackinaw have been visiting here for a few days. They came down via auto, returning Friday and they were accompanied by Mrs. L. Y. Munroe and children on the return trip. Farmers herabouts are very high in their praises of the work being done by the new feeding attachment which the Homer Miller crew have re-

cently placed on their grain separator. It is a device which not only cuts the bands, but threshes out much of the grain before it gets to the cylinder. It regulates the rate of speed with which the grain approaches the cylinders, and also regulates the amount of grain entering the machine. If too much is entering, a governor, mounted on the outside, causes it to slow down and the grain will be removed slowly and with the cylinders going at the regular rate it is impossible to overload, and all the grain will be taken from the straw. This has been a great grain savor this year when much of the straw was damp, uneven and the bundles so irregular in size. Visitors come daily to watch it work, and all pronounce it a wonderful invention. Mr. Gay Miller secured it while at the state fair last fall. Twelve thousand bushels of small grain were threshed from one square mile, southeast of town recently. It is a good thing we had a bad year. We were in error in stating that various young people had gone to Carthage to take the eighth grade ex-

aminations. They went for the seventh and eighth grade exams. Apologies to the events. C. S. Caldwell had the misfortune to have his pocket book containing about seventy-five dollars lifted from his hip pocket at Keokuk last Wednesday. Cy says he will carry nothing more on his hip, away from home. W. C. Larson, secretary of the Jackson Mercantile Co., of Upland, Nebr., came for a visit with the Enlows, Sunday. He has been east purchasing goods, and expects to spend his vacation here and in Omaha attending the Sunday revival meetings there with his wife, who will meet him in Omaha.

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