

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Mabel Horner, County Supt.

Lower Country School Attendance Where Roads Are Bad.

Census reports show that in 1909 there were 24,000,000 children in the United States of school age, but that only 17,500,000 were enrolled in the public schools.

While it is true that various factors contribute to increase or decrease the attendance at schools in given sections of the country, it is worthy of comment that in the states having a high percentage of improved roads, a much larger percentage of the students enrolled, regularly attend the schools than in the states having a smaller percentage of improved roads.

That improved roads would benefit our country school system, there would seem to be no doubt. Improved roads make it possible to consolidate or centralize the schools and to establish graded schools in the rural districts.

There are at the present time about 2,600 consolidated rural schools in the United States. It appears that Massachusetts, Ohio and Indiana have made the greatest progress along these lines, and it is rather significant to note that in these states about one-third of the roads have been improved.

In Indiana, Massachusetts, Ohio and other states, the one-room, one-teacher schools are being replaced by central school houses, with a half-dozen rooms and as many teachers. Wagons are sent out every day to gather up the children and to take them home again in the evening.

Weather Crop Bulletin.

For the week ending May 10, 1914. Des Moines, Iowa.

The average temperature was slightly above the normal in the extreme eastern districts and below in the central and western. Light frost occurred on low places in many localities on two or three nights, but no damage was done except to check the growth of vegetation and the germination of corn.

The following report by the secretary of the Iowa State Horticultural Society shows the average condition of fruit on May 1st: Apples, 53 per cent; pears, 78; American plums, 88; European plums, 76; cherries, 90; peaches, 69; grapes, 80; red raspberries, 74; black raspberries, 75; blackberries, 82; currants, 87; gooseberries, 87; strawberries, 78 per cent of perfect condition.

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High Point.

Harold Warrington and Robert Aten visited Garden Grove school Friday and spent the night with their cousins, Teddy Warrington and Lynn and Vern Bruce.

Frank Jackson's little baby 3 years old, died Thursday night of brain fever. The funeral was held at the home Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. J. G. Duling of Garden Grove, and was laid to rest in the High Point cemetery.

Rev. Duling of Garden Grove, spent Friday night at Russell Aten's. David Jackson and family, Joe Jackson and family and Dary Jackson and family of Garden Grove, attended the funeral of the little Jackson child.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brant and Miss Ora Konklin attended O. E. S. at Garden Grove Friday night. Miss Lennie Konklin assisted Mrs. Ross Fulton in the store a few days last week while Ross was in Des Moines. He came home Friday, driving a fine new Case machine.

Quite a few men from High Point assisted Dwight Freeman haul hogs to Leon Saturday, he having sold 100 head of fine ones.

Lyman Parson and family visited Sunday at the C. S. Evans home northwest of Garden Grove. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duffield and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gordon.

Floyd Hinebaugh spent Saturday night with his friend, Don Bumgarner. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brant spent Sunday in Derby and Chariton, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brant accompanying them to Chariton in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Traupel and grandchildren of Wayne county, attended church at High Point Sunday and took dinner with Mrs. Traupel's sister, Mrs. Todd McCleary.

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Hazel College.

We are having fine weather. House cleaning is the order of the day. John West, wife and son spent Sunday with Mr. Daugherty and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Spencer and family spent Sunday afternoon with Clyde Blades and family. Mrs. Fred Irving spent Sunday with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Steen. Andes Steen is working for Fred Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Trisler spent Sunday with Dave Fry's. Mrs. Aaron Fry and children, Mr. O'hair and wife, Bert Ramsey and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen spent Sunday at Dice Crees'.

Rose Fry is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wooley. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. George Smith are spending a week with Mrs. Esther Wilson.

Mrs. Elmer Ritter spent Friday with home folks. Helen Rush and Artie Smith returned home with their cousin, Mrs. Elmer Ritter.

Maggie and Myrtle Edwards spent a few days with their sister, Mrs. Irwin Brennanman. Those who spent Sunday at John Hall's were Cain Hall and family, Joe Warrick and family and George Fry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawkins and mother, Mrs. John Hawkins, drove in their car to Des Moines Saturday afternoon, returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fry and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Steen and son spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. Dr. Belding and wife and mother, Mrs. A. L. Belding, were seen in our parts car riding Sunday evening.

R. F. D. No. 3.

Before anybody else tells it, the click of the corn planter is heard on all sides. D. P. Leahy, the Smith boys and Lee Davis called Sunday on our new neighbor, Mr. Montgomery, from Wayne county.

E. S. Burrell and family and Mrs. J. B. Fulton called on Grandpa Fulton Sunday. A part of the parties who contracted to drag the roads this year are using the hot air process. A part of the roads have not been dragged but two or three times so far.

There seems to be a sneak thief in our midst. Bert Dobson lost some meat and chickens and Wm. Mapes a new wire stretcher. For the benefit of the thief we advise him to quit before he is caught.

Manchester Bros. and Ben Robison have ordered a new Case separator. The road men under C. M. Akers are doing some good road work on the Leon and Davis City road.

Clyde Stephens has purchased the mammoth Kentucky jack owned by S. P. Hoover, at a fancy price. Clyde believes in getting the best and the best is none too good for him. Bert Adams is just finishing his new house.

Fairview.

Miss Bernice Fisher spent Sunday with Miss Meryle Grimes. There was a republican convention at Morgan Saturday night. Abe Willis had business at Lineville Saturday.

Those who spent Sunday at Ed Bright's were Riley Hatfield and wife, Don Moore and wife and little daughter, Maurice Bright, wife and little daughter, Mrs. Albert Willis and Mrs. Blanche Dobson and daughter Vinetta.

Mrs. Lizzie Ellis and Mrs. Oliver Bright had business at Morgan Friday of last week. Frank Bright and wife spent Sunday at the Buck Moore home. Mr. Shaw preached at Elm chapel Sunday.

O. L. Peck and wife called at the George Smallwood home one evening last week. Mrs. Riley Hatfield spent Saturday with Mrs. Maude Hollinger. Orville Moore is working for O. L. Peck.

Tennessee.

Church was well attended at Tennessee Sunday evening. Orville Burchett and wife attended church at Mt. Zion Sunday evening.

Blauche Burchett spent Sunday at Dave Ward's. Mrs. Mary Crees spent the latter part of the week at Tom Fullerton's home. Joe Warrick spent Sunday at John Hall's.

Miss Emma Spray spent last Sunday with Miss Tressie Emley. Tommie Jones and wife spent the past two weeks at the Frank Clauson home. Ira Brown and wife were seen car riding Sunday.

Owen Chew spent Sunday evening with Miss Edythe Boles. Hiram Dutton and Mary Spencer attended church at Mt. Zion Sunday evening. Rex Adams and wife and Neal Briner and Miss Fern Branscomb, all of Van Wert, attended church at Tennessee Sunday evening.

Elm Chapel.

Brother Cargill will preach at Elm Sunday. Mrs. Eugenia Drake and children spent Sunday at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hamilton's. Mr. and Mrs. Curran Bright and daughter Edna visited Sunday at the C. C. Bright home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hinds visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Johnston. Misses Rosa, Minnie and Dollie Bright spent Sunday with Bertha and Ethyl and Mary Warnock. Mrs. Harriett Danielson is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Charley Bright.

Frank Bright and wife visited Sunday at Mrs. Bright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moore. Miss Ethyl Moore visited friends in Missouri Sunday and attended the ball game at Mineral Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Gatliff spent Sunday at Alvie Harley's.

Maple Grove No. 2.

We are having quite warm weather at the present writing. T. E. Willis has been on the sick list the last few days.

Most all the farmers have some corn planted now. Glen Crees and Miss Maude Hembrey attended the party at Bert Kentner's Saturday evening. Mrs. Jay Henderson, of Rising City, Nebraska, is visiting her brother, George McNair.

Miss Lelah Fogleman is working at Beaconsfield. Leonard Alexander and Donald Crees were Grand River callers Saturday evening. Sherman Baker was a Grand River caller Saturday evening.

Harley Kolley spent Sunday with his cousin, Clyde Hembrey. Miss Maude Hembrey called on Miss Mattie Alexander Friday afternoon. Miss Genevieve Fogleman assisted Mrs. Frank Redman with her house work last week.

Miss Anna Noftzger of near Lamoni, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of her uncle, John Joy. H. A. Wells, wife and daughter, Verda, were out riding in a new car Sunday.

There was no League at Maple Grove Sunday evening. Henry Bryant is leader for next Sunday evening and all are cordially invited to attend. Come at 7:30 prompt.

Ora Fletcher was out trying the roads with his new car the other day. George Noftzger, Leonard Alexander, Donald Crees and Mattie Alexander spent Sunday at the home of John Joy.

Fred Crees Jr. and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Crees' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mains of near Decatur. Frederic Crees and Miss Grace Weldon attended the party at Bert Kentner's Saturday evening. All report a splendid time.

Quite a crowd of young folks visited at Fred Hembrey's Sunday. Arlos Joy spent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Hendrickson. Leonard Alexander, Donald Crees and Mattie Alexander called at the Frank Noftzger home near Lamoni Sunday evening.

Sherman Baker reports the roads rather rough in the vicinity of the Springer bridge. "Go to Church Sunday" at Maple Grove, Sunday, May 17th. All are cordially invited to attend. Fred Crees Jr. delivered hogs to Decatur last Friday.

Karl Baker was a Grand River caller Sunday afternoon. Quite a few of the young people of Maple Grove attended church at Decatur Sunday evening. Joe Baker and daughter, Beulah, and son Roy, visited Saturday and Sunday with his son Seth, of near Terre Haute.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Alexander, Mrs. George McNair and Mrs. Jay Henderson were Grand River callers Saturday. Orphan Ridge. Miss Clara Leahy came down from Des Moines Saturday and visited over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Leahy.

Mrs. E. Merryman called on Mrs. Mose Smart last week. Mrs. C. E. Leahy spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Lucy Smith. Fletcher Honn visited Sunday with Amos Brazelton.

Mrs. A. J. Piper has a sister from Colorado visiting her. Lon Fulton and wife spent Saturday with Davis City friends. Miss Edith Chambers visited over Sunday with home folks at Leon. Oscar Evans spent Sunday in Davis City.

Frank O'Neal departed Monday for his home at Petersburg, Illinois. Albert Manchester is working for D. P. Leahy this week. Several of the Leon guys were fishing in Little River Sunday. John Barlean, of east of Leon, was visiting his uncles, the Barlean boys, Monday.

E. Merryman planted corn last week for Mose Smart. Mrs. Ann Ellis visited with Mrs. Mary Fulton Saturday. Frost was reported on the lowlands Friday morning. A. J. Butts called on Pat Leahy Thursday.

Mrs. John Smith and daughter, Miss Rosa, of Van Wert, spent a couple of days at the home of her son, Fred Smith, near Blockley. Those who spent Friday in Leon were the Barlean boys, D. P. Leahy, Frank O'Neal, Frank Cox and Mrs. Amos Brazelton.

Mrs. Ann Ellis and Miss Bessie Butts called on Mrs. Mose Smart Monday afternoon. Fred Smith was a caller at Davis City Monday. Several from here attended the band concert at Leon Saturday evening.

A. J. Piper and wife and W. A. Rock and wife spent Sunday at the home of James Marvin. Burr Oak Ridge. Several from Eden Prairie attended the class plays in Leon last week and report an excellent time. Willard Chastain spent Sunday at John McCalla's.

School closed Friday at Scratch Eye, the teacher and children taking their baskets to the timber and enjoying a picnic dinner. Mrs. Nina Finkbone and children of Van Wert, have been visiting the past week at Pat Hampton's and Mr. Finkbone's.

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