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Remarkable School Opening Patrons Show Unusual Interest

On Monday morning the school auditorium was crowded to the limit even of its standing room with pupils and patrons for the opening of the fifth session of the Franklinton High School.

After the call to order by the Pricipal, Prof. W. J. Dunn, the audience stood and sang America and Louisiana, when Rev. J. J. Walker read some selections from Proverbs and made appropriate comments upon wisdom and the unusual opportunities the girls and boys of the present day have for obtaining it, after which he made invocation and was followed by Hon. J. Vol Brock in a special welcome to the teachers.

Miss McMichael, instructor in piano and expression gave a reading and also a piano solo when Hon. D. R. Johnson followed by an address on the Advantages of an Educated Womanhood. A vocal solo by Miss Ellen Babington came next when the program of the opening exercises was concluded by a talk by the Principal on Thoroughness in the Grades.

The pupils were them marched in order to their respective rooms where enrollment and assignments were made and itwas found to be the best opening day the institution has ever had. 351 were enrolled in all the grades and of this number there were 92 in the High School, surprising even the most optimistic.

There are eleven teachers, most of whom are teaching their second or third sessions, presided over by a principal who has secured the best possible results for two years past and is showing every indication of making our school for the present session the best to be obtained anywhere.

An interesting disclosure thru the mornings remarks on school work was the statistical record that in the last three teachers examinations held in this Parish 28 high school graduates stood for first grade certificates and of this number 15 obtained first grade, six obtained second grade one a third grade, and six failed altogether. Of this number, securing certificates 12 went thru all the grades in the high school; three took the grades in the country schools, but graduated in high school.

The point is clear. If you are training your boy or girl to teach give them to us here at an early age and be assured that they will receive the best to be had Franklinton High School is second to none and you are invited to visit the class rooms at any time and note the character of work being done. The cooperation of such a large number of patrons as assembled at the opening Monday is in itself sufficient to insure success for the institution.

The 1915 Fair.

From all reports and indications we learn that increased interest in the fair that is to be held here in October is evident. A circular letter has been addressed to each business concern in Franklinton stating what progress has been made and requesting a conference with a view to completing arrangements for receiving, distributing and entertaining the vast throngs of people that are expected to be here. Last year accommodations were inadequately provided and refreshments at the fair grounds fell short. Happily, this year arrangements have already been made to feed and refresh the hungry and thirsty visitors so there will be ample food etc. for them. Many of the visitors will be persons of prominence, who have accepted special invitation to be present. These gentlemen will come from different parts of the state, and, as they are men who are in the public eye—in other words, are candidates for state offices, they will appreciate the hearty welcome and generous hospitality that await them. Besides these there will be other prominent men, the Governor included, who will enjoy themselves with us. The stalls, booths and spaces will be filled, our local merchants will have displays there, our farmers will have exhibits, breeders of blooded stock will have specimens poultry men will strive for premiums ou their chickens, birds, rabbits, domestic pets and pedigreed dogs. Then, there will be various attractions designed for our amusement. Among these will be a convention of fiddlers; a slow mule race and jig dancing. Mr. Joe Penton may call the fiddlers; Mr. Doc Crow, the mules and Mr. J. E. Bateman the jig dancers, So there will be nothing wanting to make this fair, instructive, social and entertaining. Rember, it is only five weeks off.

A Social Evening.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, South, was entertained at the home of Mrs. E. A. Burris on Wednesday afternoon. The program proved to be quite interesting, dealing with Social Service problems, Mrs. J. L. Brock leading the discussions. The problem of the adolescent boy and girl was the topic for the day and was finally developed by Mrs. L. H. Magee, Mrs. Ada Babington and Mrs. Robert Babington.

A good collection was taken which will be used in buying necessary articles for St. Mark's Hall at New Orleans.

Mrs. Burris assisted by Mrs. J. O. Bethea served a very appropriate autumn luncheon at the close of the meeting. The plates contained cracker cabins filled with chicken salad and mayonnaise, cheese-straws, olives, pickles, a glass of iced-tea with lemon and the whole beautifully set off with golden-rods tied with yellow ribbons.

Every one present thoroughly appreciated the announcement of autumn by this unique color scheme.

Bogalusa's First Trades Day Big Success.

The Association of Commerce of Bogalusa, realizing the importance to the Parish of better stock raising, inaugurated a Trades Day, the first one being held at the public market on last Saturday, the principal feature of which was the sale of a shipment of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs. Forty-nine of these blooded hogs were sold at auction bringing $450, and they seem to have been universally distributed thruout the parish. More than 100 farmers were in attendance and from the interest manifested these Trades Days will be continued in the future.

Too much cannot be said in commendation of this entire parish should be grateful to the Chamber of Commerce for the interest and energy manifested in behalf of better stock raising for Washington Parish, at the close of the auction Mr. Sullivan stated that on September 18th, all the farmers in the parish are invited to visit the Bogue Chitto Stock Farm, at Isabel, La., of which he is president, to take dinner and observe the operation of filling two 100 ton silos from the splendid crop of growing corn on this new farm.

Let every farmer who possibly can do so attend this demonstration on the 18th, and see what it means to have just the right food for your stock, then when blooded stock is put on the farms we can look for good results.

Better Babies Contest.

In view of the fact that it will be almost impossible to do justice to children under twelve months, the Better Babies' Bureau of the Woman's Home Companion have suggested that we allow only children between the ages of twelve months and forty-eight months inclusive or one year to four years, to enter the contest.

We are endeavoring to secure the services of the very best parish physicians and also a trained nurse. Mothers are urged to bring their children and have them examined free and find out if they are 100 per cent babies, or if not, why? Then you will be told how to make him a prize winner next time.

While you are studying how to raise bigger crops, improve your live-stock, and have more money in the bank, why not learn how to make your baby bigger and stronger, raise the standard of health in your family and redu doctor's bills?

The place of holding the contest and the description of the different prizes will appear in a later issue of this paper.

The Dog.

A Dutchman, addressing his dog, said: "You vas only dog, but I vish I vas you. Ven you go mit your bed in you shust turn round dree time and lay down; ven I go mit de bed in I have to lock up de blace, and wind up de clock and put de cat out, and undress myself, and my frau vakes up and scholds, den de baby vakes up and cries and I haf valk him mit de house round, den maybe, ven I got myself to bed, it is time to get up again. Ven you get up, you shust stretch yourself, dig your neck a leetle and you vas up. I haf to light de fire, put on de kettle, scrap some mit my vife already, and get myself beakfast. You play around all day and haf blenty of-fun. I haf to work all day and haf blenty of drubble. Ven you die you was dead, ven I die I haf to go to hell yet."

The Era-Leader To Issue Big Fair Edition Oct. 6th.

Our readers and patrons are invited to cooperate with us in getting out an extraordinary issue of The Era-Leader in honor of the fifth annual Fair of Washington Parish. It is our purpose to make a faithful write-up of the cities, towns, villages and settlements; brief stories of individual enterprise; narratives of millitary valor and recitals of facts incident to personal life and achievement of men and women connected with domestic, civic, ministerial, educational, professional, political and historical societies existing in Washington Parish.

Our fifth annual fair will bring many persons together in the flesh; The Era-Leader wants to bring them and others into a union of spirits, as it were. This will be a medium of portraying facts relating to the lives of our citizenry. A story free of gushingness over the living, but of just tribute to the dead who once lived among us. Our Parish is filling up with new people whom we welcome; but we must not permit our old time residents and their decendants to be forgotten. Readers! revive your memories and have the data ready for Mr. Cornelius Doremus, who has very willingly and cheerfully agreed to callate and write-up for publication in an edition of the Era-Leader soon to be issued, all these matters. Visits will be made by Mr. Doremus to every family that will indicate some interest in this project and no one will be intentionally omitted or slighted. This will be a task of enormous labor and expense; but we hope that our patrons, who have supported us in the past, will need no urging to continue their support now by extending our circulation and utilizing our columns. Next week we will extend more definitely this project and will introduce some sujects that commend themselves to your favorable consideration.

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