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BRADFORD COUNTY'S FINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

County Superintendent Scott Compares Work of 1906 with Work of 1905.

PEOPLE ENDORSE LONG TERM.

Average Attendance With Long Term Shows Gratifying Increase Over Short Term.

Professor G. F. Scott, county superintendent of public instruction, is making up his annual report to the state superintendent, and the Telegraph requested him to give us for publication some of the salient features of the report. These features show that the county is making most gratifying progress along educational lines. Following is the data, along with some valuable comment and suggestions, furnished by Mr. Scott:

As I have just completed my annual report, I take the liberty of presenting a few facts relative to the school work of Bradford county during the last scholastic year. We now have thirty-seven white schools and twelve colored. We have found it necessary to employ seventy teachers during the year. Some teachers have taught two schools. A comparison of the figures given of the enrollment and average attendance will show something of our progress:

1905. Enrollment of pupils.....	3000
1906. " " " " " " " " " " " "	3185
1905. Average attendance of pupils.....	1886
1906. " " " " " " " " " " " "	1909

In view of the fact that last year most of our schools ran only four months and this year nearly all for five or more, we desire to call attention to the fact that the people of Bradford county favor a longer term of school, and they have unquestionably endorsed the action of the county commissioners in giving us 6 mills, so we can continue the five months' term. We realize the fact that five months is not sufficient and the board has advised the establishment of special tax districts even if these districts are away from the railroads, so with the increased revenue derived from this special tax one month extra can be secured, and with the five months given by the county a six months' term can easily be had, two months of which can be taught in the summer and four in the fall and winter. That our people have faith in this plan is established by the fact that the special tax districts have increased from nine to eighteen in three years. Others will be established during this year. We are desirous to give the county schools every possible chance and endeavor to adjust the term to suit the farmers. Nearly \$3500 has been realized from the special tax districts during the past year. Nearly one-half of this amount has been paid by the railroads. Below we give the amount expended for schools. This includes the amounts expended from all funds, namely, general, special tax and state aid:

EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOLS.

New buildings.....	\$ 468.00
Repairs.....	129.00
Furniture.....	137.20
Charts.....	108.00
Insurance.....	50.00
Transportation of pupils.....	435.75
Incidentals.....	552.11
Salaries of teachers.....	14,809.59

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Salary of superintendent.....	\$780.00
Per diem and mileage of board.....	289.00
Commissions.....	504.85
Incidental expenses of board.....	19.79
Printing.....	110.75
Expenses of examination.....	81.50
Tuition of county line pupils.....	100.00
All other purposes.....	167.70

The treasurer's report at the close of the scholastic year shows a balance of \$2607.63.

During the year we have received from the state aid funds \$1879.75.

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

During the past year the board has paid \$435.75 for transporting pupils. Five wagons have been employed. If these wagons had not been used, five schools would have had to have been established. At the lowest salary, namely \$25 per month, these schools could not have been run for less than \$625. By the use of the transport wagons we have saved the county \$189.25 and in every case we have placed the children in good schools with experienced teachers. At this day a \$25 school necessarily implies an inexperienced teacher. The principal complaints that come before the school authorities are from these small schools with inexperienced teachers. The solution of this problem is the consolidation of

TELEGRAPH'S HONOR ROLL FOR JULY.

Sixty-Five Persons Paid Subscription During the Month.

During the mid-summer month of July sixty-five persons gave evidence of their friendship for the Telegraph by paying subscription. They are as follows:

J. J. Morgan, C. L. Peek, Lucien Wainright, C. B. Roberts, E. L. Crosby, A. Brownlee, B. F. Perry, T. R. Sweat, Louis Clemons, G. W. Melvin, F. C. Halslop, L. F. Gillyard, G. W. Jennings, A. Dyal, W. J. Griffin, G. T. Pearce, R. B. Lee, Geo. W. Holzendorf, A. S. Strickland, Mrs. W. R. Goodwin, O. F. Pice, J. M. Hillard, Arthur Green, Miss Ruby Brown, W. C. Wainright, J. G. Sparkman, J. S. Thomas, R. R. Cooper, W. T. DeWitt, O. C. Husband, J. F. Pearce, J. N. Norman, J. R. Griffin, Rev. A. C. Odom, Louis H. Hill, O. L. Beasley, Albert Bronke, James Clark, Dr. N. A. M. Maggie Johns, A. J. M. M. Maggie, W. R. White, J. M. M. Maggie, E. E. Wills, V. J. M. M. Maggie, J. E. Burrin, W. J. M. M. Maggie, J. T. Jones, "God" Powell, Sebron Brown, W. C. M. M. Maggie, Mrs. F. A. Hess, J. L. Underhill, T. R. Nettles, W. J. M. M. Maggie, G. W. H. Carter, O. W. Thomas, Mrs. J. O. Haynes.

COLORS—S. G. Schiller, P. C. Goodwine, Elizabeth DeSue, Handy, Brimer, M. M. Malphurs.

Unimproved Lands For Sale.

I am offering for sale the following unimproved lands:

The sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of nw $\frac{1}{4}$, the se $\frac{1}{4}$ of se $\frac{1}{4}$ and sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of se $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 9, township 6, range 22.

These lands are all in easy reach of Starke and will be sold at a reasonable price. E. S. MATTHEWS.

schools, and the principal factor in this consolidation is the transport wagon. We give some of the advantages offered by this method:

1. Better school facilities.
2. Instruction from competent teachers.
3. Better health among the pupils, as they are protected from the water on the road and the cold rains of winter.
4. Better attendance, and this implies larger appropriations to each school.

The three principal results to be attained by the policy of the present school board are as follows:

1. Comfortable school buildings. We all realize the fact that environment has much to do with successful school work. A child cannot study in an uncomfortable building. We are planning to coil all school buildings as rapidly as possible and otherwise improve them.

2. Longer school terms. Your attention is directed to the length of term during 1905 and 1906:

School term during 1905—		
5 schools continued	8 months	
2 " " "	6 " "	
38 " " "	4 " "	
School term during 1906—		
5 schools continued	8 months	
3 " " "	7 " "	
3 " " "	6 " "	
33 " " "	5 " "	

3. Competent teachers. The teaching force in Bradford county during the past scholastic year is shown as follows: Two teachers held life certificates, fifteen first grade and thirty second grade certificates. We think this will compare favorably with any other county in the state. The success of the past year can be attributed to the following factors:

- a. Liberal assessment by county commissioners.
- b. A progressive but conservative school board. Each member has looked well after the interests of his respective district.
- c. Splendid co-operation on behalf of the school patrons.

Personally I desire to publicly acknowledge the uniform courtesy extended to me by all the school authorities, and to the patrons for the encouragement and co-operation you have given me. Much time and thought have been given to the selection of teachers for the coming term. We believe we have a strong teaching force. The school board have made the most liberal appropriations our funds would allow, and with your continued co-operation we expect to make this school year one of the best in the history of our educational progress.

Geo. F. Scott,
Supt. Pub. Instruction.

HOMESEEKERS ARE COMING.

STATE FAIR AT TAMPA THE DRAWING CARD.

Railroads Estimate That Thousands Will Attend Fair Next Fall.

According to the estimates of officials of the Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern, and other railways traversing and interested in Florida, the attendance of home-seekers at the coming State Fair, to be held in Tampa November 14th to 29th, will be twice as large as that of last year. Thousands who desire to buy homes and settle permanently in Florida will come from the northwest and east alone.

In view of these facts, and the further fact that premiums on products of every kind will be larger than ever offered at a Southern State Fair, we think Bradford county should be represented in the various departments of exhibition, and the county commissioners should, at their August meeting, appoint a commissioner to collect exhibits, and make an appropriation to defray the actual expenses of exhibiting. The railroads make no charge for transporting the exhibits and no charge will be made for space in the various exhibition buildings. Owing to the demand for space, it is evident that additional buildings will have to be erected. Among these will be a model poultry building, in which will be exhibited twice as many fowls as were seen at the fair last November.

President T. J. L. Brown of the State Fair, which will be held in Tampa November 14th to 29th, has for several weeks been busy arranging and revising the premium lists on products of every kind. He has received suggestions from producers living in every section of Florida, and many of these suggestions have been adopted. Every producer in Florida who has a suggestion to make is urged to do so at once. Those who desire the lists when printed should address the above named gentlemen. The judges in the various departments of exhibition, to avoid confusion and dissatisfaction at the end, will be selected beforehand by the various counties, and their names will be published on the premium lists before they are sent out.

SOLDIERS TO LEAVE SUNDAY NIGHT.

Will Go Into Camp of Instruction For Ten Days.

Company E, Second Regiment of Infantry, Florida State Troops (Bradford County Guards) will leave Sunday night at 12:05 o'clock via the Seaboard Air Line for Tampa, where they will go into camp of instruction for ten days.

The company will go to camp about fifty strong, and in point of numbers and efficiency will compare favorably with the other commands forming the brigade. The battalion to which the company is attached will be commanded this year by Major John W. Blanding, of Gainesville, who was recently promoted vice E. S. Matthews, resigned. Major Blanding is an exceptionally capable officer and the local company will be sure to have the advantage of beneficial instruction.

Lieutenants A. V. Long and W. L. Wall, adjutant and quartermaster respectively on the staff of Major Matthews, retain these positions on the staff of Major Blanding and will leave for Tampa Sunday. They are among the most capable staff officers in the state and will prove themselves valuable aides to Major Blanding.

LOCAL CAMP OF WOODMEN WIN PRIZE.

Had Largest Per Centage of Attendance at Log Rolling.

The members of All Friends Camp, Woodmen of the World, of this city, are greatly pleased by the receipt of a letter announcing that their camp won the first prize for per centage of attendance at the annual picnic and log rolling held in Jacksonville June 27th and 28th.

The prize consists of a \$150 set of officers robes and crowns and J. S. Camie, clerk of All Friends Camp, has been notified of the shipment of the goods. About 60 per cent. of the members of the camp attended the log rolling.

The camp here is prospering and now has twenty-five members.

See the reduced prices on all low quarter shoes, at W. H. Rivers.

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