

## General School News

By County Superintendent  
N. G. Layton

The News is in receipt of a letter this week from N. G. Layton, of Flagstaff, superintendent of Coconino county public schools, containing bits of valuable information of the doings and progress of our educators.

The letter follows:

To THE NEWS: I enclose you a small contribution in the way of school news for this week's issue of your interesting paper. It goes to show to the people the general condition of matters pertaining to the public schools of this county.

The present school year opens with bright prospects in all the districts in Coconino county. Teachers have been secured for all the districts, save one (Moen-Ava, No. 7), for the present term.

In Flagstaff, school opened on Monday, September 9, with 112 pupils in attendance; an increase over last year on the first day of school. The teachers who will preside over the different grades, are: Prof. W. H. Russell, principal and teacher of the 7th and 8th grades; Miss Jessica Frazier, 5th and 6th grades; Mrs. Carolyn E. Austin, 3rd and 4th grades; Miss Margaret H. Wallace, 2nd grade, and Miss Mary Logie, 1st, or primary grade. With this efficient corps of teachers, a successful term is assured.

The Williams school opened on Monday, September 2, with a good attendance, with Mr. Jno. R. Hinton, principal, assisted by Mr. L. E. Gifford, Miss Ethel Marine and Miss Alice McIntyre. The school commences under very favorable auspices, and good results are anticipated.

Miss Frances Miller has just closed a summer term of school in Frisco (Oak Creek) district, No. 4, and has proven herself a capable and competent teacher.

The Tuba City school will commence on Monday, September 16, with Mr. Thos. W. Brookbank as teacher. Mr. Brookbank's long experience as an educator insures Tuba a good school.

The summer term will close in Summit district, No. 8, about September 20. Miss Jessica Frazier has done very satisfactory work in this district this summer, but resigned in order to accept a similar position in the Flagstaff school. Miss Bessie Niedecken, a teacher of

recognized merit, will teach the remainder of the term.

Miss Maude Williams, a graduate of the Northern Arizona Normal, has been employed to teach a summer and fall term in Greenlaw district, No. 10. Miss Williams has been very successful in her school work, and her record as a teacher is, "a splendid teacher."

Miss Mabel Mattoon, formerly of Muskegon, Michigan, has been employed at the Rhodes school. While Miss Mattoon is a comparative stranger in Arizona, she comes highly recommended as a lady possessing the qualifications necessary to make a successful teacher.

All the schools are in good condition, financially, or at least, will be so, after the annual taxes are collected in December.

The present school law raises the rate for school purposes—the minimum being 50 cents on the hundred dollars of taxable property in the county—an increase in the rate over last year of .08 cents, which, judging from collections in past years, insures us ample funds for school purposes this year. With proper economy, each district should be able to increase its credit balance every year and have something on hand for needed improvements and necessary apparatus and supplies, and, last, but not by any means, least, a good school library.

The law provides that the trustees of a school may expend each year a sum not to exceed fifty dollars; which amount, if properly invested in well selected books each year, is money well spent.

### A Valuable Help.

The magazine issued by The Los Angeles Sunday Herald is becoming a valuable aid to the progress of southern California. The Herald's magazine presents a write-up of at least one of the industries of southern California each week, with superb illustrations and this one feature alone has done much already to make known the possibilities of the section to the people all over the country. The Sunday edition of The Herald is a great paper and the person who does not read it is missing something.

John C. Potts came in from Stockton Hill a few days ago. He reports that everything in that country is looking remarkably prosperous.—Mohave Miner.

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