

# Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker

This year the schools of Richardson county require 152 teachers. Of this number 27 are beginners. They have made special preparation for their chosen work and are conscientious hard working young people with a determination to succeed. Let us give them all the encouragement we can. It is the duty of the school board "to stand by the teacher" and encourage her by giving friendly counsel and all the necessary text books and supplies. Give her a hearty hand shake and let her know that you appreciate her efforts in behalf of your children. Hearty cooperation all along the line will make a good school.

**WRITING.**

It is the duty of the school with all necessary text books and most certainly "supplies" should include writing material—pens, ink, copybooks and paper. It is said that there are young people in this county who have been reared within sight of a school house and have attended school several years who cannot write a legible hand, who have difficulty in signing their names with pen and ink. Lead pencil work in the school is not enough, pupils must be taught to use pen and ink. It is the duty of the teacher to have at least three definite writing periods each week in addition to the writing done in preparing lessons.

**LIBRARY DAY.**

Friday October 21 is Library day. Consult your special day programs. During the past year our school libraries have increased almost one-third and these volumes should be used in such a manner as to advance the spread of that "Knowledge which illumines, the championship that cheers, and the continuing growth by which alone a man may reach his full stature." Observe the day with some appropriate exercises.

**SALEM SCHOOL NOTES.**

The Salem schools now have an enrollment of 164. Since our last report we have one more in our high school and three in the 1st primary.

Our regular reading circle work was begun on Wednesday evening Oct. 5. The next regular meeting will take place at the home of Miss Minnie Jennings on Friday evening, Oct. 21. We hope all those invited to the first meeting will be able to meet with us at that time. We will read up on the lives of Horace Mann and Socrates and the "Socratic method of teaching."

Some people question the propriety of studying a subject in school that has to them no apparent direct material connection with "making a living." They overlook the simple fact that a mental task in science, mathematics or in Literature makes a previous one simple though at first it defied solution. Likewise the 1st mentioned will be simple when a third has been fathomed or even attempted. So it is with every close systematic thought, it makes other mental difficulty easier and its answer plainer. If higher mathematics have no other use whatever it will teach systematic thinking. This will lead to close study and serious thinking, prime accomplishments in success and gentle manners and these in turn lead to decent and respectable citizenship as well as to a high educational standard.

**SHUBERT SCHOOL NOTES.**

Our school is progressing nicely altho we are sorely in need of a fourth teacher. Each room is crowded, especially the Intermediate room which has an enrollment of 56. The Board has recently purchased a Music chart and a set of Music Readers. Our Reading Circle organized last Thursday evening. Each teacher in this vicinity is urged to join us in the Reading Circle work.

Miss Vivian Aten, teacher in Dist. 96 writes in part as follows: My work here is very pleasant and I have an interesting school of twenty-two pupils, with others to enter. We believe we shall have a profitable year's work.

District 73, Lizzie Morris, teacher.—Our enrollment is 37. Those who were neither absent or tardy during the month of Sept. are Pearl Williams, Verdella Williams and George Saville. The school board have furnished us with some new books.

R. J. Wynne has been appointed postmaster general to succeed the late Henry C. Payne.

Dist. No. 21, Marie T. Crotty, teacher.—We are mourning the loss of our schoolmate Walter Sweeney who died Sunday, Oct. 2, of malarial fever. He was a pupil in the third grade was studious and obedient and beloved by all who knew him. The entire school attended the funeral and followed the remains to Harris Cemetery, Barada.

The Ceremony of "Laying the Corner Stone" of the new State Normal school building at Kearney will take place Tuesday, Oct. 18. Invitations have been sent

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District 44, Mamie Riley, teacher, has an enrollment of 26. All are doing good work.

District 40, Bessie Guinn, teacher has an enrollment of 18. The Carnival made quite a break in the school work but the pupils are resuming their work with a will.

Each teacher should have a copy of the State Course of Study. The County Supt. has just received six copies. If you do not have a copy, send for one. Again each school should have a copy of Special Day Programs. The Co. Supt. has only five copies left.

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