

Educational Department

Conducted by County Supt. Crocker

Dist. No. 4. Janette Weller, teacher. Our enrollment so far for this term is 31. Our pupils have drawn several nice maps of Richardson County and Nebraska.

Dist. 38. Georga L. Wells, teacher. We have just received a supplementary reading book from the county superintendent as the start for a library. Our school closed Friday, March 24. We enjoyed a school picnic April 1st and planted some trees.

The school in Dist. No. 71, Mr. O. O. Marsh teacher closed last Friday. Several pupils took the the eight grade examination and expect to attend the State Normal School next year. Mr. Marsh has recently taken a homestead consisting of one whole section in Chase County Nebraska.

The school in Dist. No. 10 Miss Bea Riley, teacher, closed March 20. The pupils gave an entertainment in the evening which was well attended and enjoyed by many friends and patrons of the school. Miss Riley will spend a few weeks at her home in Wymore.

Dist. No. 94. Catherine McMahon, teacher. Our total enrollment for the is 35. Our attendance at the present is only 25 on the account of so many of many of the older pupils having to quit on the account of spring work. Our school will close June 23. The Co Supt. has given us 6 books to start our library.

Dist. No. 78. Mabel Wittaker teacher. Our school closed Wednesday, March 29. We spent most of the time Wednesday morning decorating the school house with evergreen trees, which we planted in the afternoon. Our program was short. We were glad to welcome several visitors.

Dist. No. 90. Ida Pierce, teacher. School is progressing nicely we have an enrollment of only nine and these are all girls. Florence Roubideaux and Lizzie Tiban were neither absent nor tardy during the past month. They are doing splendid work. We have just received a few book from the county superintendent to help us start our library.

Dist. No. 68. Louis Spencer, teacher. Our school closed Friday March 31. The school gave a program in the evening which was attended by many friends and patrons. Miss Spencer has done splendid work and the school board have offered her the school for the ensuing year. The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy; Willer, Ollie, Rose, Minnie, and Ida Stauffer

and Sarah Edie. Albert Frankhouser has been present every day and tardy only once.

Tuesday evening March 21st, the school of Dist. 67. Mr. W. C. Tucker teacher, gave a spelling and ciphering school. Many friend and patrons of the school were present. The pupils did remarkably well in spelling and in ciphering and reflected much credit on their teacher. Many of the visitors took part Miss Lydia Wissler, 11 years old, was the champion speller of the evening and Miss Lizzie Casswell, 16 years old, proved to be best in ciphering. Dist. 67 has one of the best equipped school house in the the county, and they have one of the best teachers, too.

Dist. 63, Miss Mae Burgett, teacher—Our school closed March 31. Four of our older boys set out 30 trees Monday, March 27, and last Saturday they went to Humboldt and had their pictures taken. They shall be known as the "Tree Planting Quartette" of Dist. 63. It is hoped that their trees will grow, do well and stand as monuments to their school patriotism. There is an old proverb that "a blessing comes to him who plants a tree" and let us hope that many blessings may come these four young men.

On the evening of March 29th, we gave a basket social and cleared \$50.65 which will be used to help buy an organ. Dist. 63 it will be remembered has a fine new school house. It is a duplicate of the famous Sutherland building.

The Southeastern Nebraska Educational Association held a most successful meeting in Beatrice, March 29, 30 and 31. The enrollment reached 400. The program was carried out as announced. Each session was strong and the inter high-school debate Wednesday evening was especially good. The question was "Resolved, that United States Senators Should be Elected by the Direct Vote of the People." The Affirmative: Pawnee City, Fairbury, Falls City, Humboldt. Negative: Crete, Wymore, Beatrice, Nebraska City. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Earl Cline of Falls City, was given first place as individual debater; Lein N. Bailey of Fairbury, second; Lawrence Weaver of Beatrice, third; and Fred G. Arnold of Humboldt, fourth.

The next meeting will be held in Beatrice. Officers elected for the ensuing year; President, C. A. Fulmer of Beatrice; Vice President, W. H. Pillsbury; Secretary, Miss Rose Clark of Friend; treasurer, R. L. Hoff; executive com-

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mittee: Dr. F. W. Saunders of Lincoln High School and President J. W. Crabtree of Peru.

Last Friday, March 24, the school in Dist. No. 35 received a pleasant visit from the school in Dist. 34 in charge of their teacher Miss Winnie Ryan. The forenoon was spent in the usual way (getting and reciting the lessons). After dinner we engaged in some running and jumping contests. In the running contests Dist. 34 won. In the jumping, Homer Auxier of Dist. 34 won. Standing jump—8 feet. Running broad jump—12 feet. High jump—3½ feet. After the contest both Dist's. took part in a program consisting of recitations, songs, and drills. This was followed by a debate on the question: Resolved, that fire is more destructive than water. Dist. 34 had the affirmative and were represented by Joseph Kane, Grace Auxier, Homer Auxier and Frank Draper. Dist. 35 had the negative and was represented by Lola DeWese Iva Philpot, Curtes Ramsey, and Julia DeWeese. The judges decided in favor of the negative. Several visitors were present.

Dist. No. 15 Miss Pearl Cunningham, teacher. We have one pupil to take the eighth grade examination this spring. If the

pupil is successful we shall celebrate her graduating from the eighth grade with appropriate exercises.

To prevent so many tardy marks, I read from an interesting book for opening exercises. We have drills in mental arithmetic and keep a record of the work on the board. The one getting the most answers for a week is considered the champion. Twice a week we use history cards. They enjoy this very much and do much reviewing in order to be prompt in answering. I had some difficulty in originating a plan to stop the use of poor language. We made some small booklets, gave one to each pupil and called them our "Grammar Books." In these they recorded all mistakes they noticed during the day. Each one reported just before school closed. It worked nicely and by using care no one's feelings were hurt. Of course they also noted their own mistakes.

In the first and second grades we made geography books from heavy paper. We have chart lessons from which we learn much about lakes, rivers, bays, etc., and the children bring pictures from magazines and paste them neatly in their books and under the picture write the proper name.

Our pupils are neat about their desks and note books. These are inspected each week.