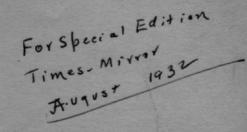
Some Random Facts About Our Schools



The organization for the management of the public school system of Loudoun County comes into being as follows:

Senate. These bodies jointly elect a judge of the circuit court, this judge appoints three members of a School trustee electoria Board who have no other duties except to appoint seven members of the County School Board every four years and to fill vacancies, the county school board appoints a division superintendent, and on recommendation of the superintendent appoints it clerk and all teachers.

Our school system employed in 1931-32 a total of 153 teachers, distributed as follows: 94 in white elementary schools, 31 in white high schools, 28 in colored schools. These teachers were housed in 73 school buildings. The county owns 67 of these, rents 3 and borrows 3. The value of buildings, equipment and grounds is \$402,000.00. This is about \$100 for each child enrolled. Instruction, amount to \$131,048.21. This was about \$30.00 per child enrolled. Total operation costs were about \$40.00 per child.

There were 966 children absent (average) every day schools were open. There was ample provision for these children in every way. What an enormous loss! What caused these absences? Illness, poverty, weather, and "don't care". In 1919-20 there were 1821 children absent each day.

In 1921-22 40 teachers had had not experience and 29 had taught only one year. In our year just closed 7 teachers were beginners and 5 had taught only one year. This is about normal number of new teachers. The schools should make better progress with a smaller number of beginners being inducted into the system each year.

The minimum qualifications for teachers have been greatly raised in the last decade. At this time all new teachers of elementary grades must complete two years of teachers college work and all high school teachers must complete four years of college work.

We enrolled 4340 pupils last year. Of these 1270 either failed in their work or dropped out of school. Of course, so long as 966 of them stay out of school each day we can expect these, or a like number to fail. We can find some encouragement in the fact that in 1919-20, which is the first year for which comparable figures were kept, 2188 either failed or were dropped. Still these 1270 failures or losses as well as the 966 daily absentess are a mighty challenge to all connected with the schools of this county.

The largest school building is at Leesburg. It has twelve rooms, auditorium, and four underground rooms available for laboratory, home economics, lunch rooms, etc. and the oldest deed for school property in the county is that at Ryan. Deed to this property was made in 1849 to ceptain trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church residing within seven miles of Ryan for use for church, school and a graveyard.

The largest school lot contains 10 acres and is used by Lincoln High School.

The greatest area served by any school for elementary pupils is about 34 square miles at Ashburn.

The longest service *** any teacher now employed is that of Mr. John S. Simpson who has taught school 50 tears.

The longest tenure of any superintendent was that of Mr. L. M. Shumate who served 24 years.

Mr. Abner Cockerill headed the list among those of long service on the school boards with a total of thirty years. Dr. C. E. Brown came second with 25 years. The longest service of the present impum-

bents is that of Mr. Wm. T. Smith who complete his fifteenth year last March.

The best attendance record coming to our attention is that of Tom Claggett, son of Dr. J. E. Claggett, of Hamilton, Virginia who has attended xxxxxxx Hamilton school seven years and Lincoln high school three years without being absent a sixgle day from school.

The following is a list of teachers who have taught in Loudoun ten years or more and who are still employed.

Mrs* Blance Anderson

Mrs. Edith Beavers

Mrs. Urcell Bradfield

Mrs Irva Cloud

Mrs* Margaret G. Cockerill Miss Minnie Russell

Miss Alice Cooper

Miss Gaylord Gibson

Miss Bertha Gruver

Miss Eliza D. Lunceford

Miss Mamie Lyon

Mr. Chas. S. Monree

Mrs. Tillie D. Monroe

Mrs Mary E. Mundy

Miss Laura Potterfield

Mrs. Helen Rodrick

Mr. John S. Simpson

Mrs. Mary J. Simpson

Miss E. Maude Smith

Miss Mary Trainham

Miss Minnie B. Trussell

Miss Constance Welsh

Mr. L. A. Womeldorph