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AN APPEAL FOR BETTER TRAINED TEACHERS

Citizens Must Demand Better Equipped Teachers.

The Rotary Club of Nashville has rendered a splendid service through its "Keep in School" program recently inaugurated.

We should be pleased to have this program carried a step further. The state is greatly in need of a large number of well educated and better trained teachers. These teachers must come from among the graduates of our high schools. We suggest that the civic organizations cooperate in a movement to put high school graduates into the Normals and colleges with a view to training for the profession of teaching. The brightest and best young men and women are needed. No vocation offers better opportunity for intellectual growth, for social standing and for service to the state than does this profession.

While the pay of teachers has not been and is not now in keeping with the importance of the service rendered, there is a marked tendency in the right direction. Teachers possessing special fitness, education and training, are in demand and the public is showing an ever increasing willingness to give them more adequate financial recognition for their services.

The turnover each year in the teaching profession is alarming. A study of the records however will reveal that this turnover is due chiefly to those who have made no preparation for the duties of the school room and who for most part are teaching merely until they can secure profitable employment in some other vocation. Further, the turnover is due to the short school term which has prevailed in the small counties and the unfavorable working and living conditions in communities. But the rural school term is being lengthened, thus giving continuous employment at an increased annual income.

The state is maintaining and operating five normal schools (four for the white and one for colored) whose sole business it is to train teachers for the public schools of Tennessee. These institutions have rendered an invaluable service to the cause of public education. That they have not trained a larger number of teachers is due, in a large measure, to the fact that the public has not assumed its part of the responsibility in fostering the idea of special training as a prerequisite to successful teaching. So long as the public is contented to accept teachers with little education and no training our schools will continue to be presided over by teachers of limited equipment.

In addition to these five normal schools there are a score of private and church aided colleges in Tennessee maintaining teacher training departments. These institutions are cooperating in an effort to supplement the work of the normal schools in furnishing the state with an adequate supply of teachers. To meet the further needs for teachers of more education and special preparation, teacher training classes were organized last year in forty of the small counties of the state. To these classes only junior and senior high schools

pupils who expressed a purpose to teach were admitted. Fifty counties will operate teacher training departments in their high schools this school year. The result should be that in a few brief years the minimum qualification of all new teachers will be high school graduates with professional training. From among the normal, our college, graduates, or graduates of the county high school teacher training classes, county board of education should be able to supply all their schools with teachers.

The appeal is made to all good citizens interested in the promotion of education in the future growth and development of the state, to encourage capable young men and women to enter training for the teaching profession so that an adequate supply of teachers may be had for all of our schools.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Dr. C. C. Fowler and Mr. Long, of Hendersonville, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Baugh, Friday.

Mrs. G. W. Gwin was a pleasant visitor at the Sentinel office Monday.

Mrs. Will McCawley and little son, of Haydenburg, R-1, were guests of relatives in Gainesboro, Monday.

Mrs. J. L. McCarver of Dycus, spent Monday in Gainesboro.

Miss Lillie Brown Gist is in the Woman's Hospital, Nashville, where she is being treated for a nervous breakdown. She was accompanied to the hospital by her father, T. L. Gist, who returned Sunday. He reports his daughter getting along nicely. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is improving from her bad state of health, which has been causing her much suffering of late.

Mrs. Eva Shelly and daughter, after an extended visit with her brother, Chas. Brown, and family, have returned to their home in Nashville.

H. P. Price, better known as "Uncle Harrison", of R-2, was in town Monday. Mr. Price has recently returned from Illinois, where he spent the summer with his brothers, John, of Mulkeytown; Green, of Christopher, and A. P. of Herse. He reports an enjoyable visit, and that all were well and getting along nicely when he left.

BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY



By J. L. MARTIN

I have noticed that the old family physician, after rolling his own pills and mixing his own medicine for his patients for forty years, now has a private office over his drug store, and is writing prescriptions at so much per.

MEDICINE: A doctor's advice written on a slip of paper and translated by a pharmacist. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 608.

THE GREAT VALUE OF WINTER COVER CROPS

Commissioner Peck Urges Farmers To Plant These Crops Now.

Now is the time for seeding winter cover crops clover, vetch, etc., and I hope the farmers of Tennessee are realizing the importance and value of the winter cover crop. It will prevent land from washing if seeded in time to get well established before cold weather. It will furnish winter pasture when the soil is dry enough to pay for cost of seed and preparation of the seed bed.

If stock is removed before the spring growth starts it will materially increase the humus in the soil, if turned under, and, if crimson clover is seeded, add from sixty to seventy-five pounds of nitrogen to the acre. Land should not be left bare during the winter, and there is no excuse for doing so when so much can be done to increase its productivity, and that will be profitable.

The winter cover crop is not an experiment. Its value has repeatedly been demonstrated, so that farmers in every community should know. If we neglect to do these things, the responsibility is on our own shoulders.

Now is also the best time of the year for subsoiling, to get the best results. I have heretofore discussed the value and importance of subsoiling, when and how it should be done, but it is a subject of great importance, and will bear repetition. Many are now subsoiling who did not practice it a few years ago. Still there are thousands who are trying to make a living by scratching a few inches of the surface soil, with a hard pan just beneath that is impervious to water and which roots of plants cannot penetrate, and the plant food in it is dormant.

Shallow preparation of land causes it to wash easily and give up its scant supply of humus more readily. I have bought what was called worn-out farms and in two years had them producing good crops. They had been broken shallow and the surplus water, which the soil could not absorb, carried away the vegetable matter, leaving the surface soil hard to pulverize and easy to bake. When I got hold of such a place at this season of the year I would hitch one team to the turning plow so it would run as deep as the ground had been broken. With another team to a subsoiling plow I would follow in the furrows of the turning plow, having the subsoil plow set deep enough to get under the hard crust and break it up. This is better than to set the subsoiling plow too deep. I try to have a green crop to turn under. This puts the vegetable matter in the broken up subsoil, the winter rains and frost reach it and disintegrate it and release the dormant plant food.

In the spring I want to mix and pulverize the soil as deep as subsoiled. I increase the vegetable matter by growing a winter cover crop of rye, vetch or clover in combination; the legume stores nitrogen in the soil. When possible I applied

two tons of ground limestone per acre

The important feature I want to emphasize is that now, while the subsoil is not wet is the best time to do subsoiling. The subsoil should have the rains and frost of winter to disintegrate it. Subsoil should never be thrown to the surface when subsoiling. Land that is subsoiled at the right time and in the right way will double the yield of crop; if rightly cultivated it will not wash. It will retain more moisture and stand drouths where land not subsoiled would fire.

Subsoiling can be done by small farmers as well as by the man who farms on a larger scale. No expensive equipment is necessary. Some farmers say they cannot subsoil their whole farm; that they are not able to do it. It is true he cannot do it all in one season, but any farmer can subsoil a few acres each year, and in that way the whole farm can be subsoiled, and will be rendered more productive and more easily cultivated.

It is not lack of knowledge of how to do things that is the trouble with many farmers, but the trouble is to get them to do what we know should be done and can do. We climb a ladder only a rung at a time. We should do our best, and if we do that we will find that we are on the road to success and prosperity.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Noah Hawkins left Friday of last week for Akron, O., where she will join her husband, who has employment there.

Mathew D. Anderson, of Shake Rag, was a visitor at the Sentinel office last Friday.

Mrs. F. F. Robinson, of Carthage, was the dinner guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hampton, last Friday.

J. T. and S. B. Anderson, of Cookeville, was the guests of relatives in Gainesboro, last week.

Mary and James Barbour and James Lynn, of Flynn's Lick, were guests of Mary Ferguson Caines Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Dorris Johnson has returned from an extended visit in Gallatin.

Mrs. J. T. Draper and daughter, Annette, Mrs. H. R. Haile, Miss Willard Johnson spent the week-end with relatives in Sumner County.

Ruth Francis, 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gist, is on the sick list.

Ruby Bailey, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Bailey is recovering from an illness of two weeks.

Misses Meriam and Tom Quarles, after spending the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Quarles, have returned to Peabody College, Nashville, where they will continue their courses of study.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Young and children, of Butler's Landing, were in town Friday morning, en route home from Cookeville, where they had been the guests of Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan, several days. Mrs. Morgan accompanied them home.

FIELD DAY PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 3 AND 4.

Program for school meet to be held at Gainesboro on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4 1922.

LITERARY

A Reading for each grade up to the eighth, 2 points
A Reading for High School girls 2 points.

A Declaration for high school boys, 2 points
Writing for each grade, 1 to 8th, 2 points

Spelling on book (contest for each of 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, 4 contestants for each grade) 2 points

Written spelling for 8th and High school grades, 4 contestants from each school, 2 points.

Latin test covering first 50 pages of First Year Latin, conjugation not included, 2 points

Arithmetic (Common Fractions) for those below 9th grade, 2 points

Arithmetic, (Decimal fractions) for High school pupils, 4 contestants from each school for each arithmetic contest, 2 points

MUSIC

Piano solo, grades 1 to 4, 2 points

Piano solo, above 4th grade, 2 points

Vocal Duet, 10 to 14 years, 2 points

Song for little tots, 4 contestants from each school, 2 points

Piano Duet for any grade, 2 points

Vocal Quartette, 2 points.

ATHLETICS

Basket Ball Game, boys, 4 points

Basket Ball Game, for girls, 4 points

Potato Race, 9 to 12 years, 2 points

Fifty yards dash for boys under 15 years, 2 points

100 yards dash for boys over 15 years, 2 points

Sack Race, for boys under 15 years, 2 points

High Jump, for boys any age, 2 points

Broad Jump, for boys any age, 2 points

All schools are urged to have a contestant in some contest

All contestants must have been a regular pupil of the school from which he enters at least six weeks.

Later we will arrange this program so that you may know what time each contest comes off.

Very respectfully,

H J Cox
R P Pharris
J F Beck
A T Jackson
Estelle Gailbreath.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chaffin, of Clenny, were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Davidson, Wellington Avenue, Nashville. They also spent two days with Dudley Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Billingsley, of the 12th district, also visited the Davidson home at the same time. Mr. Billingsley is a sister of Mr. Davidson. They returned home last Thursday, accompanied by the Davidson family. They motored thru in their cars, and had a most enjoyable visit. Mr. Davidson and family returned to Nashville, Sunday.

RED CROSS DOING BIG WORK IN TENNESSEE

Annual Red Cross Roll Call November 11-30, 1922.

Atlanta, Ga.
Sept. 29, 1922.

Dear Editor;

The American Red Cross again extends its thanks for the manner in which you opened the columns of your newspaper to it during the emergency. You and other members of the press made possible the speedy elimination of a crisis.

Armistice Day this year will mark the fourth anniversary of the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front. The inflated war fighting forces have been decimated. The huge munition industries have passed on. Peaceful pursuits have been resumed.

But the team "normacy" cannot apply for years to come. We are challenged by a reconstruction problem of vast proportions. Thousands of ex-service men and their families are facing grave situation for which the war is responsible. Nor are the questions of peace less emergent than those of war. Suffering and social handicaps are the portion of a large part of our population.

Following are some of the statistics taken from the records of the 103 chapters in Tennessee for the past seven months.

9,024 ex-service men or their families have received Red Cross service during the first seven months of this year.

1,241 civilian families have been served.

4,287 patients have been cared for by the Red Cross Public Health Nurses.

11,450 visits have been made by Red Cross Public Health Nurses.

7,363 school children have had examination for physical defects.

399 persons have received Certificates in home Hygiene and care of the sick.

165 persons have received Life-Saving Certificates.

18,487 school children are enrolled in world-wide service to the Junior Red Cross.

11,568 garments for use in home and foreign lands have been made by the women of Tennessee.

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MICKIE SAYS

"TH' EDITOR SENDS ME OUT HERE TO MAKE KISS ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT JEST BETWEEN YOU 'N ME, HE THINKS HE RUNNIN' HIS PAPER IN BEST TOWN IN TH' COUNTRY 'N HE SWEARS NOBODY NOWHERE HAS GOT A G LOYAL 'N FRIENDLY A BUNCH OF SUBSCRIBERS!"



WE TAKE AN KIND OF MONKEY OR HARBORING BEAST BRING 'EM HERE

CHARLES J. JONES