

**SCHOOLS GAZETTE Oct. 7, 1904 School Progress
Reported by County Supt. L. K. Jones**

I began the work of visitation this year with a visit to our two largest high schools, Carrollton and White Ball. I was particularly anxious to see them make a good start, as the teaching force in both of these schools is almost entirely new this year. ..

I am certain that the patrons are willing to give Messers. Sparks and Avis their hearty support in maintaining good schools.

Hanover:

The people in this district have erected a modern school building supplied with furnace heat. Harry Barger, the teacher is teaching his third year. During his service the library of 85 volumes, purchased a number of good pictures and a school organ from the proceeds of entertainment. An oyster supper was held there last Saturday evening. New desks will be added later. Solid slate boards were transferred from the old building to the new. Also have a good case of maps.

Walnut Grove:

This is one of the neatest, best kept school buildings in the county. This school board is very prompt in getting what is needed for the school. New single desks were purchased from C. M. Sackett this summer and put in before school began. The school is provided with solid slate black boards, has a library of 62 volumes. The school needs a good case of maps. Walls were decorated with a number of good pictures. Miss Jessie Bare is teaching her first term.

Dover:

This is one of the best-equipped country schools on our list. Mr. Charles Reed and Miss Bernice Clark are the teachers. A new hot air heating apparatus has been installed; the library consists of 105 volumes. This room is also supplied with a school organ.

Pacific Union:

This district voted on a new schoolhouse last spring but the proposition was defeated. It is hoped that the people will reconsider and decide to put up a modern building there next summer. Notwithstanding the unattractiveness of the old building, Miss Martha Connole is working faithfully to build up a good school and good interest is manifested in the work. The school has put in some new desks this fall. This school has a case of maps and a library consisting of about 50 volumes, and has slate black boards. No well, the water is carried from a farmhouse.

Eldred:

Here two ladies, Miss Amy Pinkerton and Miss Maud Ellis, are in charge. The best discipline prevails and Eldred will certainly be heard from in schoolwork this year. Built a cloakroom on the north end this year. Have slate blackboards and a case of maps with 93 volumes in the library. Have a good well on the grounds.

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Union:

Has the prettiest schoolyard in the county. Forest trees furnish shade and the grounds are very well kept. Three new pictures were added last year, making a total of nine good ones that adorn the walls. Richard Shannon is teaching his second term this year. Have a case of maps, slate blackboards and 101 volumes in the library. Also a good well on the grounds.

Walnut Hill:

Have slate black boards and some good pictures on the wall. The school board had the well cleaned and walled and a new platform built. Have no good maps, grounds need more shade, library consists of 10 volumes. Miss Anna Karrer, the teacher, is working up a good interest in the schoolwork. This is her first term at that school.

Robley:

This school building, nestling at the foot of the bluffs, is no longer a neglected one as the school board has had a general over hauling of the old premises. New windows have been put in, a cloakroom has been added, a new coalhouse and other out buildings have been constructed. One thing badly needed is the installing of new seats to take the place of the old fashioned straight-backed seats now in use there. Good slate black boards should be put in. Have a library of 24 volumes. Miss Naomi Auten is teacher.

Woodbury:

This is a fine appearing school property. Situated on a little hill the new school building with its unique front porch presents and imposing appearance. The school board has recently had built a new front porch and coal shed and have purchased a new revolving chair for the teacher. The teacher and school have recently purchased about \$11.00 worth of pictures and a new bookcase. In the district the teacher and directors work very harmoniously for the good of the school. The old court house bell is in use here. Have case of maps, hypo late black boards and 104 volumes in the library.

Have the old-fashioned drop desks. Not enough shade and windows need repair. Frank March is teaching his third year at this school.

White:

This is the oldest building in the county now used for a country schoolhouse. It was built in 1840 out of hewn timbers from the vicinity of Macoupin Creek. It was the first school building in the county painted white. Hence its name. It now needs paint about as much as any of them. It

once numbered 75 pupils on its roll. Now there are nine. Has a large shady yard with a brook running through it. Here in this brook the county superintendent had his first experience in immersion, being immersed twice (accidentally). The walls of this old building are covered with diplomas from both the county and state fairs. One large picture was added by the teacher last year. Have a school organ, slate blackboards and 101 volumes in the library. Need a good case of maps. Miss Edith Curtis is teaching her first school at this place.

Old Kane:

School building and property are kept in very good repair. Need a good case of maps and some good blackboards. Have a dictionary and a library of 33 volumes. This was like the White once a large school. It is now one of the smallest. Miss Marry Baker is teaching her second year at this school. Have a good dictionary and stand.

Greene Summit:

The building would have made a better skating rink than a schoolhouse. Owing to the increased attendance a few years ago an addition was built which makes the room too long for the present small school. One end could be utilized for a cloakroom to advantage. New green hypo plate blackboards were put in this summer. Apparatus is all old and much of it needs replacing. Stovepipe was in bad shape from rains. The school has been smoked out that forenoon. The library consists of 60 volumes 24 of which were put in last year by the teachers and pupils. In all the schools I visited I found the recommended Readers and Arithmetic's in use. I found an increased interest in the subjects. I shall be glad to report other visits in the future.

Diamond:

Anna Settles, teacher. The school here is kept up in very good condition. The school building is not a very stout structure, but is sufficient. The school has 57 volumes. Has good slate boards. Primary pupils have been doing some nice work in clay modeling.

Berdan:

James Pinkerton and Mrs. M. E. Staats teachers. Everything here is in excellent repair. The school board is progressive and gets everything that is needed for the schoolwork. Have plenty of supplies of all kinds. Library of about 100 volumes.

White Oak:

Lottie Aulabaugh, teacher. Have a nice large playground with some good shade. House in very bad condition. I consider it a risk to allow children to assemble there each day. The sills have become rotten. The ceiling is sunken and two oak props are required to hold up the ceiling near the center of the room. Surely the people of the district will never allow another school to be held in this old building. The walls have been newly papered and the room looks very neat for an old one. Lot of supplies on hand, library of 40 volumes.

Salem:

Ada Smith is the teacher. This is a nice little school property and is kept in good shape by the directors. Wall could be improved with paper. Have single seats, slate blackboards and about 52 volumes in the library. Need a good case of maps. Prof. Haven of Greenfield gave to this and a number of other schools in the Greenfield area using recommended books.

Elm Grove:

G. Clardy, teacher. School grounds and house too small. This is another district in need of a new building. Have fourteen new single desks and five old double desks. Supplies old and need replacing. Library consists of 15 volumes. They were not using the new books, but expected to put them in soon on a gradual plan.

Sunrise:

Albert Giberson, teacher. I think this school derived its name because of its location on a hill overlooking the Macoupin Valley. School building has been newly painted on the outside. It is an excellent place to view the sunrise if you are not able to visit Pike's Peak, Colorado. Desks are old. Recently purchased a case of eight new maps and a chart, also have a new dictionary. Using recommended books. No library.

Pleasant Grove:

Minnie Simonds, teacher. This is one of the new buildings of the county, having been built only a few years. It is equipped with single seats, slate blackboards, case of maps, and almost everything necessary for a good school. Library consists of 40 volumes. Directors have recently had new walks built, and the porch painted. The "Authorized Series" of physiologies' are still in use there. The new Readers and Arithmetic's were adopted on the gradual plan.

Bryan:

Elsie Sackett, teacher. As a gentle reminder of past campaigns this school still maintains the standard advocated by the statesman for whom it was named. I found that the parity had not been destroyed, as there are now 16 pupils to one teacher. One of the best scenic views in Green County may be witnessed on the road to this building. The hill near Mr. Carrico's house is a natural elevation above the surrounding country. This school property consists of one school building, one slate blackboard, one stove, one chart, and one out building. Yard is full of stumps. Have no dictionary and no library. "Authorized Series" of physiologies still in use. New books adopted on the gradual plan.

Mount Hope:

Nellie Foley, teacher. School building in good condition. Color on the inside hard on the eyes. Have a very good lot of supplies. Had ordered a new dictionary and library consists of 20 volumes. Two window lights out. Room decorated with small pictures. A new front porch needed. The recommended books were not adopted at this school.