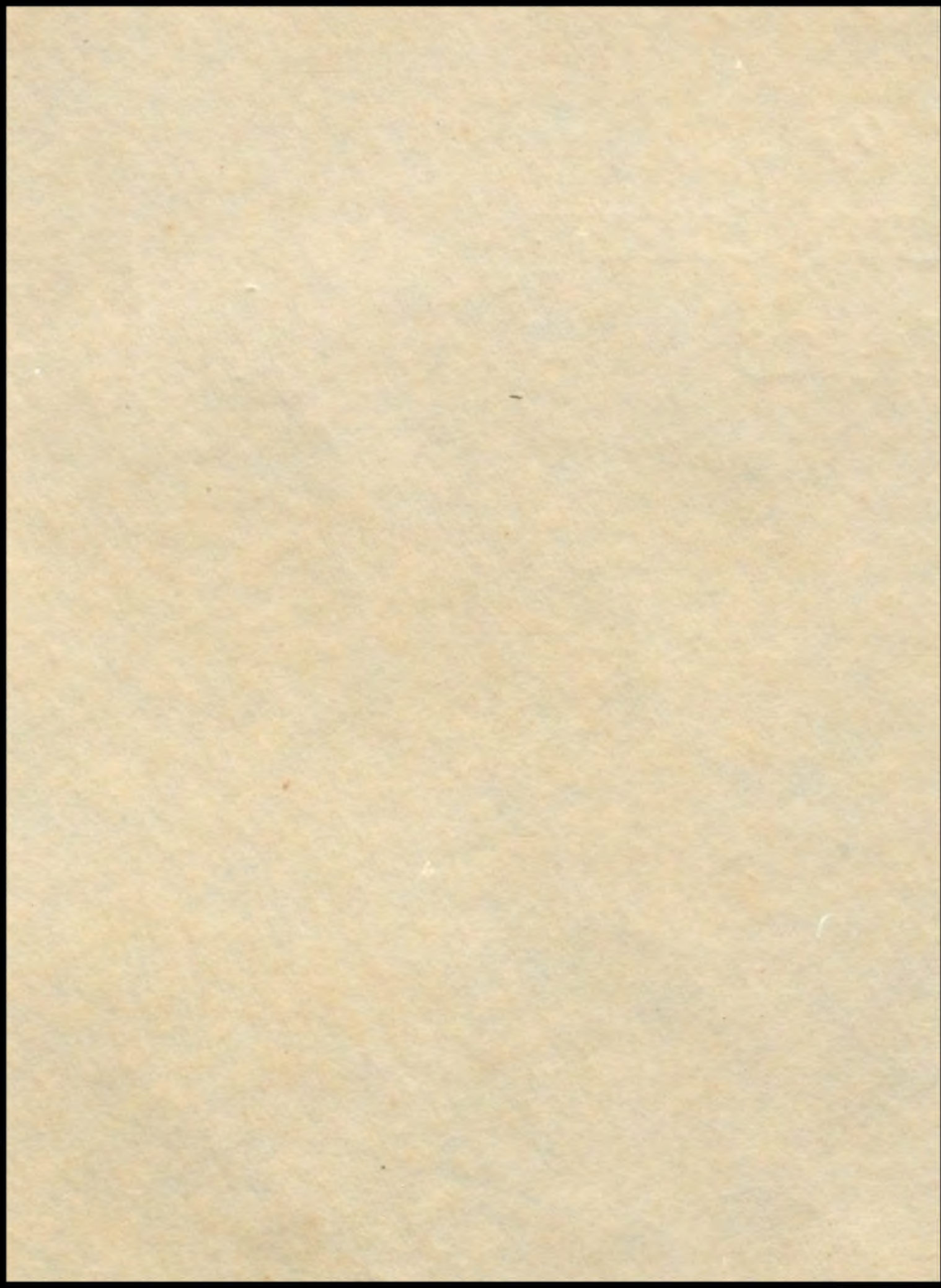


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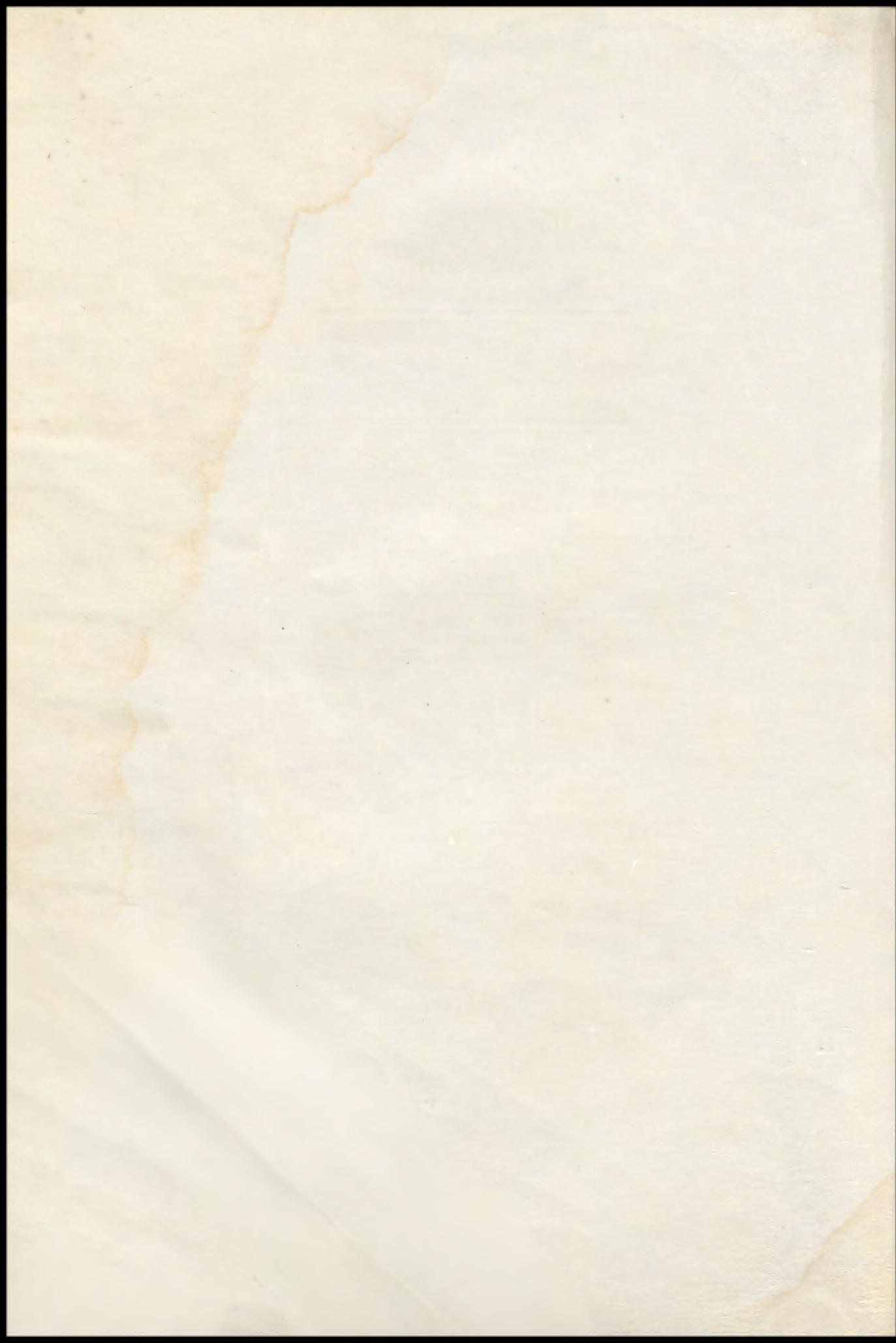


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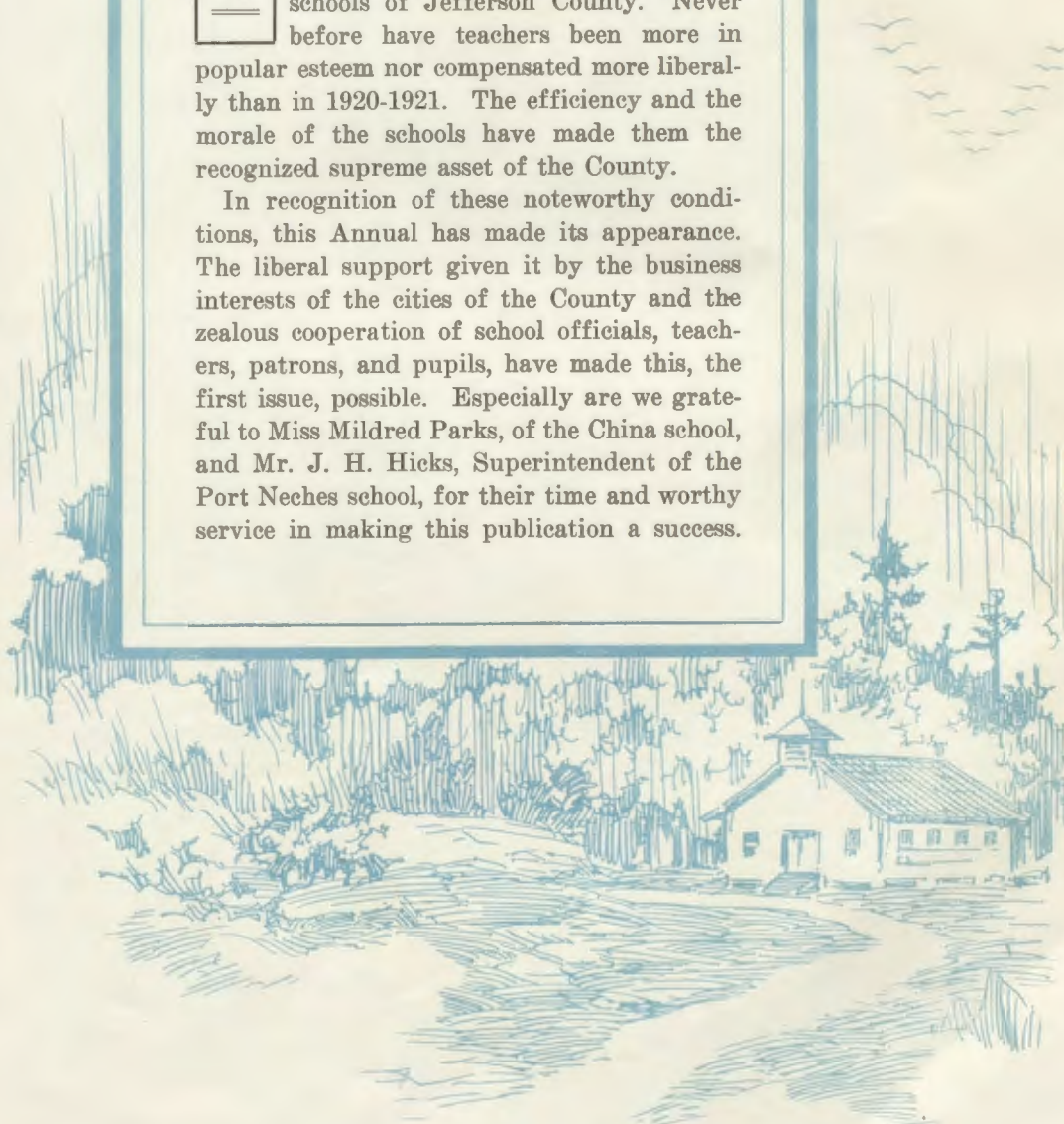


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FOREWORD

THIS school year reveals the high tide line of educational endeavor in the schools of Jefferson County. Never before have teachers been more in popular esteem nor compensated more liberally than in 1920-1921. The efficiency and the morale of the schools have made them the recognized supreme asset of the County.

In recognition of these noteworthy conditions, this Annual has made its appearance. The liberal support given it by the business interests of the cities of the County and the zealous cooperation of school officials, teachers, patrons, and pupils, have made this, the first issue, possible. Especially are we grateful to Miss Mildred Parks, of the China school, and Mr. J. H. Hicks, Superintendent of the Port Neches school, for their time and worthy service in making this publication a success.



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To

Mr. Guy W. Danielson

County School Board President from the
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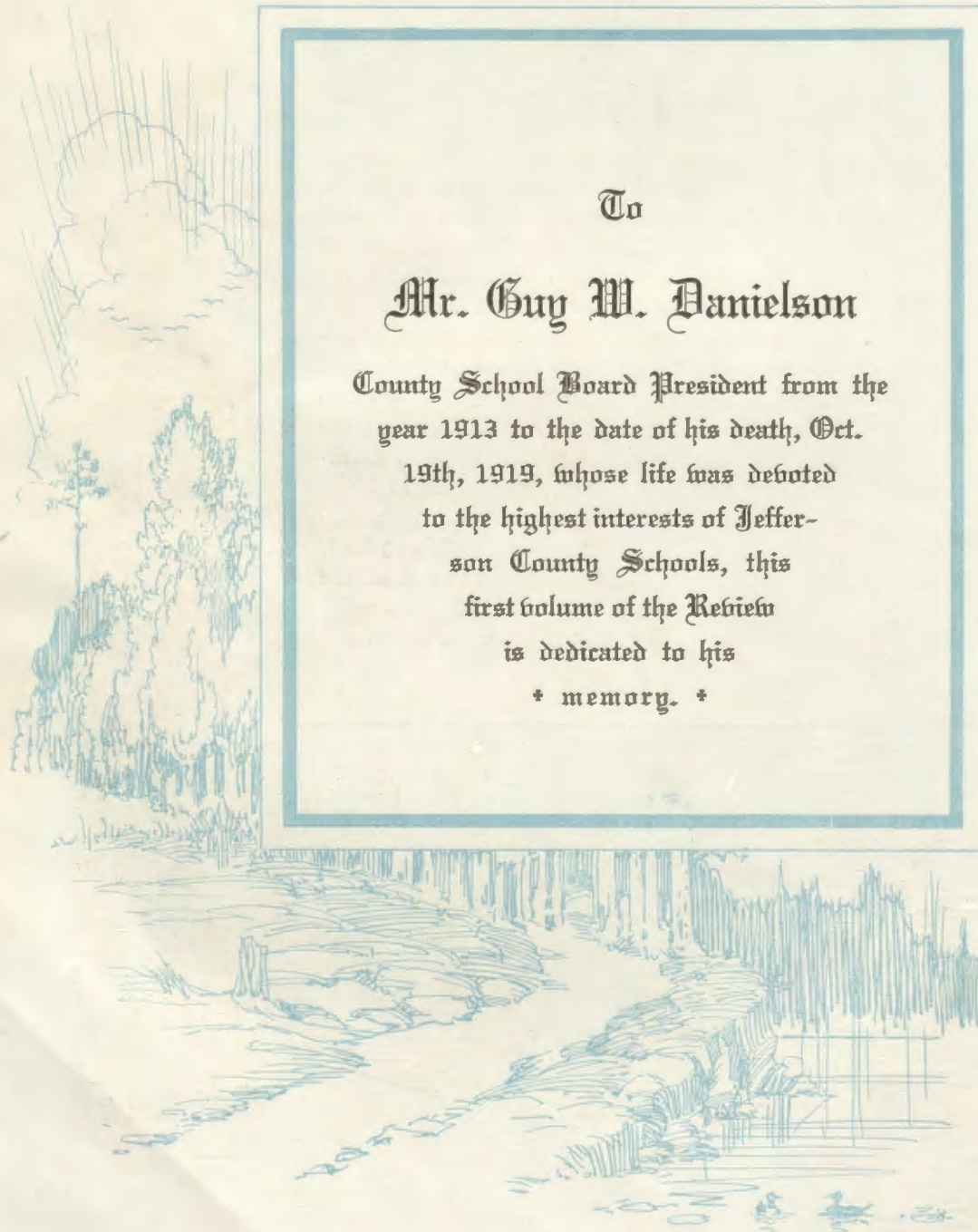
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The County Board of Trustees

The schools of the County are not only the greatest assets of the County in intangible wealth, but they constitute the greatest organization of the County, based on the money involved.

As a business proposition, the schools should have as wise financial administration as any purely business corporation.

In view of this fact, Texas has formulated a well-devised system of school administration, with the County as the unit.

Texas created the office of County Trustees, and invested in them the supervision of the schools of the County, and the adjustment of all essential matters pertaining to their efficiency.

Without entrenching upon the prerogatives of the local trustees, and upon community interests, they have unified the County systems, harmonized discordant elements, and inspired all with a zeal to give every child his rightful heritage of a cultivated head, heart and hand.

They have largely realized their ideal of rightly fitting the youth for the highest efficiency as community factors. The Trustees and Superintendent have zealously striven to perfect the school system with never a discord in plans and ideals.

Classification and Course of Study

The schools of the county are subject to two kinds of classification. The County Board of Education classifies the schools as primary, intermediate, or high school, determining the number of grades a school under its jurisdiction should carry. The classification of the State Board applies mainly to high schools, and has particular reference to the quality of work being done in these schools. The present County Board has classified all the schools subject to its rulings. Some schools have already secured state recognition, while others are increasing their efficiency preparatory to applying for it.

The state course of study applies throughout the County. The County Board of Education has not found it necessary to publish a course of study for Jefferson County, but would refer teachers, trustees and patrons to the County or State Superintendent of Schools, who will furnish a copy of the state course free.



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MISS MARY SANDELL
County Superintendent of Education



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Progress of Jefferson County Schools

That a nine-months' term was maintained in every white school in Jefferson County last year for the first time is a 1920 record which cannot fail to interest every forward-looking citizen of this section. Heretofore, on account of insufficient funds, some of the schools closed at the end of the sixth, and some at the end of the seventh month.

Another record in which to take pride—there are only three teachers in the County with second grade certificates. The remainder hold first grade and permanent certificates. During 1917-1918, nine teachers had second grade certificates, three of which were County certificates.

The minimum salary paid in this County today to white teachers is \$100. In 1917-1918, the lowest paid was \$55. The maximum salary paid to principals and superintendents today is \$2400; then it was \$900.

Six out of the fourteen school districts of Jefferson County furnish cottages for their teachers. And in this movement, the County is a pioneer; the teacherage at Amelia being the second constructed in Texas, according to ex-State Superintendent Doughty.

There are two consolidated schools in the County, Sabine Pass and French School, these furnishing transportation to the children of outlying sections. Plans are under way for two other consolidations that are being delayed because of bad roads, and if they succeed, several one-teacher schools will be eliminated.

Jefferson County enjoys State aid this year to the amount of \$3,070 to common school districts, and \$1,876 to independent districts. The major portion of this was spent in the improving of school buildings. Fannett recently raised their tax rate to fifty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, and New Holland district voted seventy-five cents. Port Neches School is to have a new \$55,000 high school next year, the bonds having been sold to the State.

To the people of Jefferson County, who have responded so nobly to the present-day movement for better schools, to the appeal for more efficient teachers and better salaries; to the Superintendents and teachers, who meet with clear vision today's problems with thoroughly trained minds, is due the inspiration of this first volume.

MARY SANDELL,
County Superintendent, Jefferson County.

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Jefferson County Teachers

1920-1921

NOME SCHOOL (Independent)

TEACHERS	CERTIFICATES	SALARIES
W. L. Darnell.....	First Grade.....	\$2400.00 per annum
Lucile McDermand.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Esther McDermand.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Ruth Reed.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Mamie Tumey (League school).....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Carrie Clark (colored).....	Second Grade.....	70.00 per month

CHINA SCHOOL (Independent)

A. A. Skinner.....	Permanent.....	\$2400.00 per annum
Myrtle Knolle.....	Permanent.....	100.00 per month
Jessie McDermand.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Mildred Parks.....	First Grade.....	125.00 per month
Gladys Hooks.....	First Grade.....	125.00 per month
Hortense Roberts.....	Permanent.....	100.00 per month
Rita Van Cleave.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Annie Brown.....	Permanent.....	100.00 per month
Hazel Blanchette (colored).....	First Grade.....	70.00 per month

AMELIA SCHOOL (District 3, Beaumont, Route 1)

J. S. Pounds.....	First Grade.....	\$ 150.00 per month
Mrs. J. S. Pounds.....	First Grade.....	115.00 per month
Mrs. C. B. Prater (colored).....	First Grade.....	85.00 per month

FRENCH SCHOOL (District 5, Beaumont, Route 1)

Mary White.....	Permanent Pri.....	\$ 175.00 per month
Arrie Secrest.....	Permanent.....	130.00 per month
Mrs. G. C. Comstock.....	Permanent.....	130.00 per month
Helen Comstock.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Mildred Markham.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Catherine Perry.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Robert Crozier (colored).....	Permanent Pri.....	75.00 per month
Thelma Prater (colored).....	First Grade.....	70.00 per month
Marion Chumeley (colored).....	Permanent.....	70.00 per month
Ann Taylor (colored).....	Permanent.....	70.00 per month

ROSEDALE SCHOOL (Independent, Beaumont, Route 1)

R. H. Guess.....	Permanent.....	\$2400.00 per annum
Mrs. R. H. Guess.....	Permanent.....	110.00 per month
Crissie Guihen.....	Permanent.....	110.00 per month
Mrs. J. M. Murphy.....	Second Grade.....	110.00 per month
Mary Dickens.....	First Grade.....	100.00 per month
Willie Frazier (colored).....	First Grade.....	75.00 per month
Juanita Fobish (colored).....	First Grade.....	70.00 per month
Daisy Warfield (colored).....	Permanent.....	60.00 per month



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Jefferson County Teachers--Continued

NEDERLAND SCHOOL (Independent)

TEACHERS	CERTIFICATES	SALARIES
John M. Scott.....	First Grade	\$2400.00 per annum
Adelia Richardson	First Grade	125.00 per month
Mable Jones	First Grade	100.00 per month
Maude Dickenson	First Grade	100.00 per month
Louise Linn	First Grade	90.00 per month
Virginia McCowan	First Grade	90.00 per month
Viva Bell	First Grade	90.00 per month
Lucille Ritter	First Grade	100.00 per month

FANNETT SCHOOL (District 8)

C. O. Brown.....	First Grade	\$ 150.00 per month
Mrs. C. O. Brown.....	First Grade	100.00 per month
Ollie Crow (Burrell school).....	First Grade	100.00 per month

LA BELLE SCHOOL (District 9, Fannett, Texas)

J. E. Boyle.....	First Grade	\$ 110.00 per month
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CHEEK SCHOOL (District 10)

Drue O'Banion	Permanent	\$ 150.00 per month
Winifred Vick	Second Grade	100.00 per month

SABINE PASS SCHOOL (District 11)

A. E. Busby.....	Permanent	\$2400.00 per annum
Mrs. A. E. Busby.....	Permanent	135.00 per month
Canna Cowan	First Grade	100.00 per month
Lourah Wigington	First Grade	100.00 per month
B. J. Barlow (colored).....	Permanent	100.00 per month

GILL SCHOOL (District 12, Hamshire, Texas)

Edith Denny	Second Grade	\$ 100.00 per month
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HAMSHIRE SCHOOL (District 15)

Gladys Rudd	First Grade	\$ 100.00 per month
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PORT NECHES SCHOOL (District 16)

J. H. Hicks.....	Permanent	\$2400.00 per annum
Mrs. J. H. Hicks.....	Permanent	175.00 per month
Mrs. John F. Jordan.....	First Grade	120.00 per month
Julia McMeans	First Grade	120.00 per month
Angela Grote	First Grade	120.00 per month
Wyche McMeans	First Grade	120.00 per month
Jennivie Smith	First Grade	120.00 per month
Ruby Alford	First Grade	133.33 per month
Lorena Malone	First Grade	120.00 per month
Mrs. Louise Price	First Grade	130.00 per month
Gertrude Regenbrecht	First Grade	140.00 per month
Estelle Smith	First Grade	133.33 per month
Maudie Hamil	First Grade	140.00 per month
Mrs. Nevada Callender.....	Kindergarten	130.00 per month

NEW HOLLAND SCHOOL (District 17, Stowell, Texas)

Mrs. Eula Barrett.....	Second Grade	\$ 100.00 per month
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Jefferson County School Trustees

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DISTRICTS	TRUSTEES	Scholastics
Nome Independent Maintainance 35 Bond 15	W. P. Tindall, Pres. J. A. Gilmore, Secy. Nome, Texas	White, 133 Colored, 19
China Independent Maintainance 38 Bond 12	Dr. V. Beavers, Pres. W. E. Bogan, Secy. China, Texas	White, 191 Colored, 29
Amelia, District 3, Maintainance 35 Bond 15	E. D. Sherman, Pres. W. P. McCormick, Secy. Beaumont, Route 1	White, 79 Colored, 26
Rosedale Independent Maintainance 35 Bond 15	J. G. Bythewood, Pres. C. K. McDonald, Secy. Beaumont, Route 1	White, 200 Colored, 158
French, District 5, Maintainance 34 Bond 15	H. G. French, Pres. C. I. Collops, Secy. Beaumont, Route 1	White, 334 Colored, 336
Nederland Independent Maintainance 34 Bond 16	J. H. Haizlip, Pres. John M. Scott, Secy.	White, 256
Fannett, District 8 Maintainance 50	J. L. Mahan, Pres. J. B. Wingate, Secy. Fannett, Texas	White, 99 Colored, 13
La Belle District No. 9 Maintainance 20	Chas. Barton, Pres. D. L. Spates, Secy. Fannett, Texas	White, 29 Colored, 1
Check, District 10, Maintainance 35	Ector Smith, Pres. E. W. Boyt, Secy.	White, 29 Colored, 21
Sabine Pass, District 11 Maintainance 35 Bond 15	R. E. Krebs, Pres. F. J. Fowle, Secy.	White, 88 Colored, 20
Gill, District 12, Maintainance 20	J. J. Craigen, Pres. C. C. Cuniff, Secy.	White, 20
Hamshire, District 15, Maintainance 50	J. P. Broussard, Pres. M. C. Sbnner, Secy.	White, 43 Colored, 9
Port Neches, District 16 Maintainance 40 Bond 10	C. C. Hawkins, Pres. Dr. F. S. Dengler, Secy.	White, 469 Colored, 2
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MRS. ESTELLE CLAIBORNE
Compulsory Attendance Officer, Jefferson County

Compulsory Attendance

A discussion of the compulsory attendance law at a special meeting of the County and District Trustees June 5th, 1915, at the Court House, marked the launching of one of the most important branches of the school work of Jefferson County.

At this meeting, Judge P. A. Dowlen ably interpreted the law as enacted by the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, which was approved and went into effect March 13th, 1913.

The subject was again taken up at an Annual meeting of the County and District Trustees, August 18th, 1916, and definite arrangements were agreed upon to put the compulsory attendance law into effect in the schools of the County upon the opening of the term.

Observing every letter of the law, provisions were made, and the Super-

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Compulsory Attendance--Continued

intendent was instructed to employ an attendance officer. Prof. H. B. Porter, an ex-teacher, and a gentleman of exceptional executive ability, was chosen and served the two following years. His work was the means of acquainting the public with the importance of the law.

Upon the induction into office of a new County Superintendent, Prof. M. S. Gardner was selected to succeed Mr. Porter. A good record was made by Prof. Gardner, who resigned at the close of the term. He was closely followed by Prof. John M. Scott, who served, and has much good work to his credit, several court cases being decided in his favor. In January, 1920, the present attendance officer was appointed, and named as the assistant to the County Superintendent, the following September. Her efforts have been crowned with decided success.

The compulsory period, which ended recently, closed with the enviable record of not a single case in court this term, and very few flagrant and obstinate violations. Those were disposed of and the law complied with, through the medium of personal letters and visits to the home by the attendance officer.

The attendance officer's work has been a very fruitful field in Jefferson County, and the success is largely due to the earnest and faithful work of the teachers and trustees, the splendid help and co-operation of the County Superintendent, and loyal support of the County Board. This work has been productive of much good in the colored schools also, and worked a wonderful revolution in cases of indifferent parents.

With the record of the past, and the improvement of conditions these last few years under the enforcement of the law, Jefferson County stands ready to see it amended to cover two more years. It should read: "From eight to sixteen."



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Jefferson County Institute 1920-1921

THE LAW.—The school laws of Texas require that all city and county school districts hold a teachers' institute of at least one week's duration once each school year. In compliance with this law, for the last two years, Jefferson County, the South Park Independent School District, and the Beaumont City School District have associated themselves in institute work so that their combined resources might be used to secure a much better institute than any one of them could hold alone.

PLACE.—The institute has been held both years at Beaumont, because this city is more convenient to surrounding counties and offers better housing facilities than can be secured elsewhere in the territory.

PARTICIPANTS.—Recognizing the value of such a consolidation, the surrounding counties of Orange, Jasper, Hardin and Liberty have joined forces with us, making an institute of over 400 teachers.

ORGANIZATION.—The work of organizing this institute for these two years has been (by law) in the hands of a joint committee, consisting of the local County Superintendent, Miss Mary Sandell, the Superintendent of South Park, Mr. L. E. Pietsch, and the Superintendent of the Beaumont City Schools, Mr. M. E. Moore. These three superintendents have been able to work together very harmoniously, and have found it a pleasant task to bring together the counties and districts above named, to correlate their official working forces, to provide instructors for the institute, and to provide homes and entertainment for visiting teachers.

This last fall the committee of superintendents turned over the detail work to an executive committee, which performed the functions often given over to what is usually called an institute conductor. This committee was composed of Superintendent Hicks, of the Port Neches Schools, Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Walker, of the South Park School, Secretary; and Miss Effie Piland, of the Beaumont Schools, Treasurer.

DATE.—The institute last fall and the previous fall was held the first week in September. This seems to be a satisfactory date for all concerned. Teachers favor this date because they regard the institute a good stepping stone from the summer vacation into regular schoolroom work for the long school term. It puts their minds back into school channels, and starts them off with plans and renewed interest.

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Jefferson County Institute--Continued

PLAN.—Our plan has been for both years to make our institute program so flexible that each teacher attending might have the opportunity of getting practically everything offered. To do this, we have had each instructor repeat his periods often enough each day so that teachers may pass from one instructor to another until they have secured all the subjects they desire or are able to take in a day. Teachers express themselves as highly satisfied with this plan. This plan, with such modifications as will improve it, will be continued next fall.

FINANCES.—In order to secure instructors and pay necessary running expenses, the institute drew this last fall from the following sources of income.

Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.....	\$250.00
Beaumont City School Board.....	250.00
Beaumont Retail Merchants Association.....	100.00
Beaumont Young Men's Business League.....	50.00
South Park School Board.....	50.00
Fee of \$2 from each teacher attending.....	814.00
Brought forward from last year.....	83.28
Total Resources.....	<u>\$1,597.28</u>

Of this amount, \$1,353.88 was expended for instructors and running expenses, leaving a balance on hand of \$243.40. This balance will enable us to somewhat lessen the per capita on each teacher next fall.

WORTH.—The fall institute is a good thing. As stated above, it enables the teacher to enter her schoolroom in the fall alive with new plans and renewed interests. It unifies our schools, so that they are all working in the same direction. It brings the latest and the best in plan and method. It gets us out of the ruts. It enthrones ideals and lifts the teacher's aims above the mere desire to follow the line of least resistance. It plants our feet on higher ground.



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Interscholastic League

The Jefferson County Interscholastic League Meet was held at South Park April 10, 1920. Practically every school in the County was represented by one or more contestants. There was much interest shown in both the Literary and Athletic events. The following represent the winners of the events, and the schools they represented:

LITERARY EVENTS.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>School</i>
Debate	Josephine Turner Oliver Keith	South Park
Extempore Speech	Carl Jacobson	South Park
Essay	Thelma Parker	South Park
Declamation Senior Girl	Anna Belle Dabney	South Park
Declamation Junior Girl	Theresa Kapers	Nederland
Declamation Senior Boy	Walter Shannon	South Park
Declamation Junior Boy	Paul McNeil	Nederland
Declamation Rural School	Agile Westmoreland	Rosedale
Spelling Junior	Nettie Butts	Sabine Pass
Spelling Senior	Vesta Hicks	Port Neches

Anna Belle Dabney won at the district meet and took fourth place in the finals at the State Meet in Austin.

ATHLETIC EVENTS—JUNIOR GIRLS.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>School</i>
30 yard dash	1st A. Phillips	South Park
"	2nd G. Giles	South Park
"	3rd D. Bergen	South Park
120 relay	1st	Port Neches

SENIOR GIRLS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>School</i>
30 yard dash	1st E. Staffen	Port Neches
"	2nd M. Carroll	Port Neches
"	3rd P. Yancy	China
Basketball	South Park 4—China 6	South Park 7—Port Neches 3

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Interscholastic League--Continued

ATHLETIC EVENTS—JUNIOR BOYS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>School</i>
50 yard dash	McNeal	Nederland
"	2nd Wagner	Nederland
"	3rd Saxe	South Park
220 yard dash	1st McNeal	Nederland
"	2nd Tribble	South Park
"	3rd Selleff	South Park
Broad jump	1st Wilbanks	Port Neches
"	2nd Saxe	South Park
"	3rd Kinnear	South Park
High jump	1st McNeal	Nederland
"	2nd Kinnear	South Park
"	3rd Downy	South Park
Hop-step-jump	1st Saxe	South Park
"	2nd Wilbanks	Port Neches
"	3rd Tatum	South Park
Baseball throw	1st Tribble	South Park
"	2nd Wallace	South Park
"	3rd Dodd	Port Neches
Shot put	1st Tatum	South Park
"	2nd Tribble	South Park
"	3rd Bibb	Port Neches

SENIOR BOYS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>School</i>
50 yard dash	1st Kinnear	South Park
"	2nd Edwards	South Park
"	3rd Keith	South Park
Mile run	1st Neff	China
"	2nd Lowry	South Park
"	3rd Lackey	Port Neches
Shot put	1st Edwards	South Park
"	2nd Rudd	South Park
"	3rd Keith	South Park
High jump	1st Edwards	South Park
"	2nd Kinnear	South Park
"	3rd Leger	China

All other events went by default, South Park claiming some and Port Neches the others. It is hoped that more interest will be shown in the Athletic events of the future meets, especially by the larger and older boys.



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NOME SCHOOL BUILDING



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Faculty Esther McDermand, Frieda Wiman, Ruth Reed, Lucile McDermand
W. L. DARNELL, Superintendent



STUDENT BODY, NOME SCHOOL.

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The Nome School

The Nome school has prospered this year in spite of the failure of the rice crop. This is somewhat unusual, because the local funds are obtained from taxes on rice lands.

The School Board and the Superintendent have curbed all unnecessary expenditures and have adopted for a policy, "Live Within Your Income." State aid was granted this year to the amount of twelve hundred dollars, and this has insured us a nine months' term. This school organized into an independent district in the summer of 1920.

There have been two special features of the school year, and several more are being prepared. January 21, the Nome school, represented by Misses Mae and Daisy Stockwell, debated the Houston High School team, and won by a unanimous decision of the judges. We have been interested in basketball, and have a fairly good team. A school declamation contest will be held at the end of the school year. A watch will be given to the boy winner, and a fountain pen to the girl winner.

This spring we have been beautifying the buildings and grounds. A fresh coat of paint has been given the outside woodwork, and a flag pole has been erected on top of the building. This school has an auspicious outlook, and this spirit of progress is backed by interested patrons.

Last year a Parent-Teachers' Association was organized in the school for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the children. Mothers and fathers met with the teachers and adopted plans to raise funds to provide play ground apparatus and other conveniences not ordinarily furnished by the Board. The last month of the school term was threatened to be cut off for lack of funds; but in a few hours citizens raised a sum of three hundred dollars with which to complete the term.

The Nome Independent District includes a one-teacher school located several miles south of Nome. This little school is fitted with new single desks, a chemical toilet, and play ground facilities.

The Nome School Building has a large basement, auditorium with piano, five class rooms, sanitary drinking fountains throughout the building, and library. The grounds are equipped with swings, basketball courts, and a large baseball diamond. Thus have the people of Nome manifested their intention of providing their children with the best opportunities for an education.



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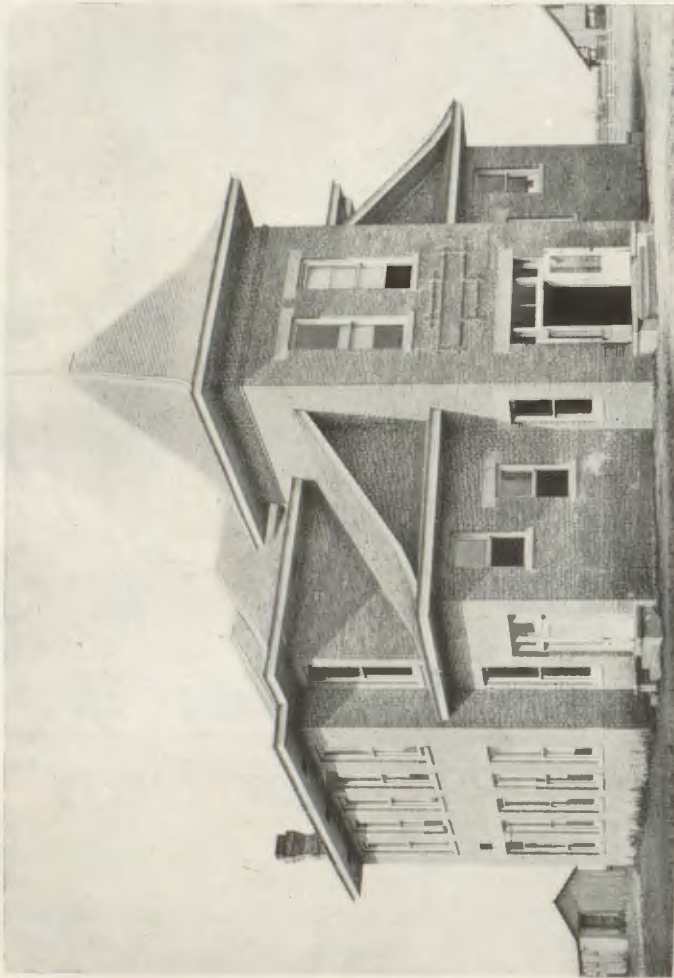
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STUDENTS OF CHINA SCHOOL.

1921

The China School

Modern Farming. Whether a boy has the opportunity to go to college or not, those two words must not necessarily remain a mystery to him. At least, not if he lives in Jefferson County.

For in at least one little country school near Beaumont, there is a strictly modern school, where boys and girls born and bred on the farm are taught practical agriculture in connection with their other studies. At China, about twenty miles from Beaumont, there are sixteen pupils in the High School, ten from the sixth and seventh grades, who were enrolled in the agricultural courses. Ten of these are boys and sixteen are girls.

Under the tutelage of A. A. Skinner, Superintendent of the school, the boys are taught every practical phase of modern farming. They go to school during the morning in precisely the same manner that city children attend school. But after the lunch hour, the little ten acre plot of ground resembles nothing so much as a bee hive.

When the School Board recently voted a \$50,000 bond issue for a new school building, in which manual training and other similar subjects might be taught in the grades, as well as agriculture in the High School, a ten acre plot of ground, on which an old barn and a five room house were located, was bought. Here the boys plough, cultivate and attend to their crops generally. In the building they have a library, and farm reference books, as well as a laboratory, fully equipped, in which they can analyze and study soil formation and plant and animal structure. Here too, is the lecture room, and the girl's domestic science department.

In the barn is a blacksmith shop, where an anvil and bellows have already been installed. Two boys spend the afternoon in this shop, learning how to make and sharpen tools, as well as to mend broken ones. Later on, according to Mr. Skinner, the superintendent, the boys are going to take up intensive study of gas engines, automobiles and tractors, in a garage which is to be built in one end of the barn.

The boys study courses in agricultural engineering in order to be able to plot out fields and straighten fences; fruit trees, their care and cultivation; gas engines; painting; weeds, and how they propagate; and the best way in which to combat them; carpentry; blacksmithing; seeds, especially the study of seeds and propagation in crops that are best adapted to this section of the country, such as rice and corn, which are two of the main products of this County, and any number of other practical subjects.

The girls of the school, at present, are taught sewing, under the direction of Miss Mildred Parks. There are at present two sewing machines in their equipment. It is the plan of the school to later on add cooking classes to the schedule of the girls, provided the equipment can be obtained. Another



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The China School--Continued

course to be offered for the girls in the very near future, is poultry husbandry. In connection with this course, the class will take up housing and hygiene, nutrients and digestion, feeds, the compound ration, and feeding practices and appliance. Especial stress will be laid on the culling of poultry in this course.

That an active interest is being taken in the school is manifested by the night school classes, run in conjunction with the school, which are attended by the older people of the community.

Among the night school classes is one in particular, which has attracted widespread interest, it is being held for farmers of French descent, who can scarcely speak English. This is a purely elementary class, and reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling are the only subjects taught.

The State Department of Education has classified the school as a school of the second class, and it has affiliation of 1½ credit units in vocational agriculture.

The Meeker School

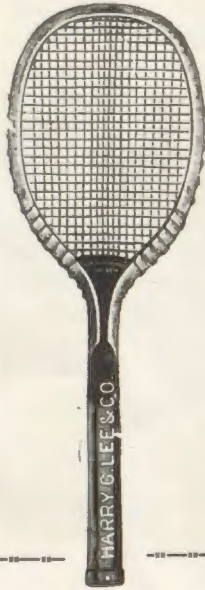
The Meeker School is located about five miles from China, in the northeastern end of the China Independent District. The school maintains six grades. Miss Gladys Hooks, the teacher, has given satisfaction this year. Mr. Skinner, the superintendent, visits the school once a week, and gives the students instruction in Vocational Agriculture.



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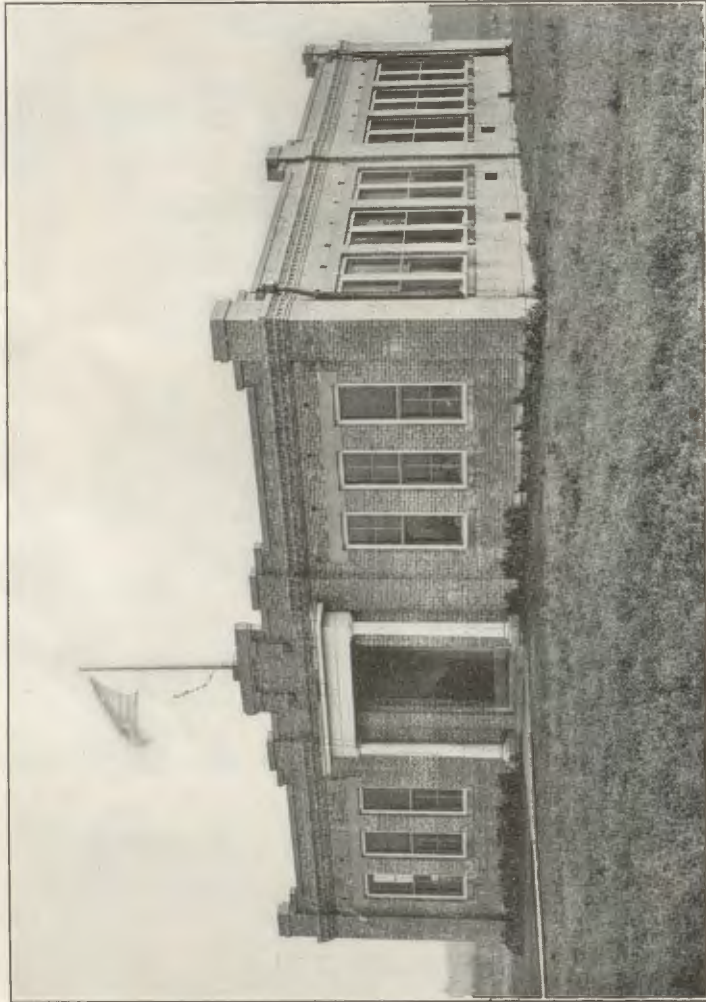
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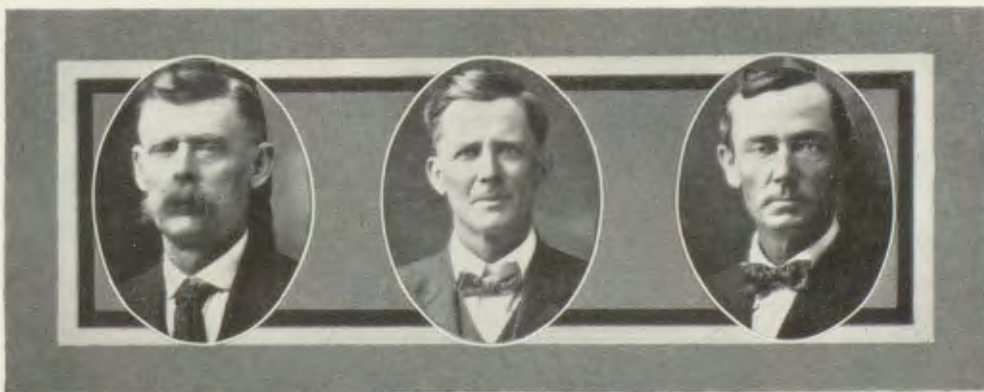
AMELIA SCHOOL BUILDING



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TEACHERS' CO 'TAGE, AMELIA



AMELIA SCHOOL BOARD

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The Amelia School

A seven-acre campus six miles west of Beaumont with a substantial three-room brick building and four-room teacherage is the Amelia school. Fortunately situated at the terminus of the Beaumont-Amelia road and midway between the Southern Pacific and Gulf Coast railroads, it has the peculiar advantage of easy access from all directions, is surrounded by rich rice lands properly drained, and boasts of its commercial and industrial enterprise.

It is a two-teacher school, with an enrollment of about forty-five pupils, who enjoy the privilege of a splendid library, use of the Victrola and first-class piano, and until recently had the valued services of the talented Miss Nellie Howland in piano lessons.

Amelia school is proud of a membership in the Interscholastic League, and will enter contestants in future contests. The faculty are members of the State Teacher's Association, and through the courtesy of the trustees the Principal attended the last meeting.

The district is in splendid financial condition. Local tax nets about forty-two hundred dollars; besides, it met all requirements and received five hundred dollars State aid this year, and one hundred twenty for the colored school, which is also up-to-date, and a credit to the good citizenship of the community.

The Literary Society that meets every Friday is a part of the school work and of valuable help to the pupils. The Amelia Art Needlework Club is also an educational as well as social organization, and furnishes some good entertainment for the community. The school building usually is the center of social activities.

The school house at Amelia was the scene of an educational rally and try out contest of declamation, on the evening of March 19, in which Ezra Turner, Horace Turner and Irene Teal proved winners. The judges were: Superintendent M. E. Moore, Miss Mary Sandell and Mrs. Estelle Claiborne. Several hundred persons were in attendance, coming from Beaumont, China and Rosedale.

Address of welcome was made by Mr. E. D. Sherman, one of the Amelia school trustees.

Mr. J. S. Pounds, principal of the school, introduced Superintendent M. E. Moore, of Beaumont schools, who addressed the people on the loosely



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TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF AMELIA SCHOOL

organized schools and closely organized homes in the days of the blue back speller, compared with the closely organized school and loosely organized home of today. Mr. Moore's address was followed by one by Mr. R. H. Guess, Superintendent at Rosedale and Voth, who is county director of the interscholastic league.

Miss Mary Sandell, County Superintendent of Education, was called on for a talk in which she told how the public responded to the appeal for greater recognition of teachers.

A three-piece orchestra furnished a program and an old-fashioned box supper, where beautifully decorated boxes, filled with dainty eatables, were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Mr. Thurlow, of Amelia, acting as auctioneer. One box brought ten dollars after spirited bidding.

More than one hundred dollars was raised in this manner, which will be used in the interest of the school building.

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Amelia Experimental Farm

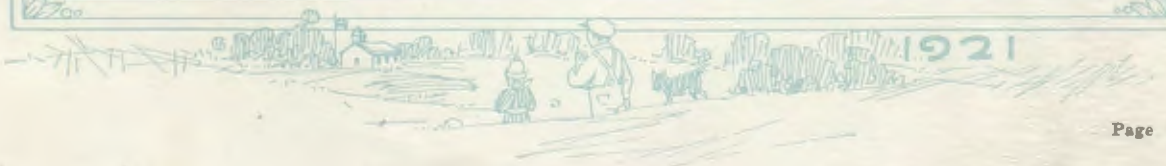
SUB STATION OF A. & M. COLLEGE



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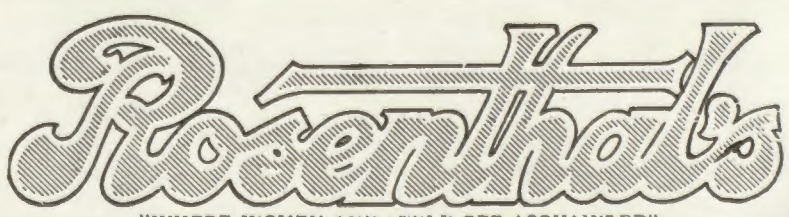
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ROSEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING



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ROSEDALE SCHOOL BOARD
Top Row—J. G. Bythewood, C. K. McDonal t. Bottom Row—H. Caswell, Carroll Keith



The Rosedale School

The Rosedale Independent School District consists of two school buildings situated about two miles apart, one at Voth and the other at Rosedale. One is in a beautiful oak grove; the other surrounded by pines. The ample playgrounds are well equipped, and an active part in athletics is taken by all. The girl's basketball team is especially promising. A very enthusiastic part is taken each year in Interscholastic League work, and this school has captured a number of the prizes offered.

The building is inadequate to the needs of the community just now, and a plan is on foot to erect a splendid central building, but until then the pupils above the fifth grade are transferred to and from Voth to Rosedale, and the high school children are sent to Beaumont High School.

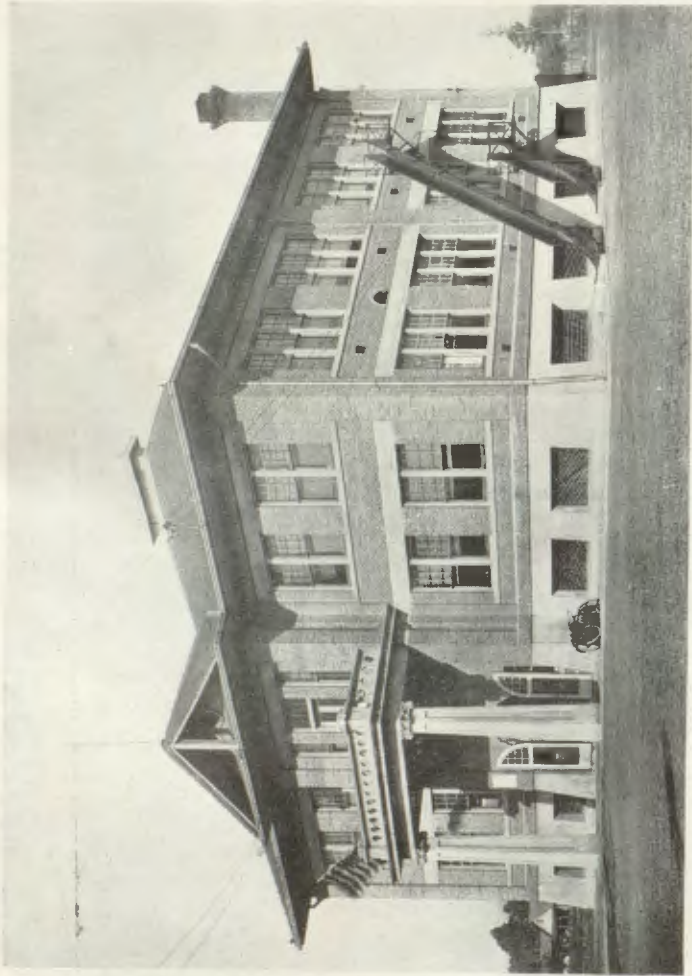
Each room has its library, well selected, much used, and appreciated. The school has received State aid for three consecutive years, and is making wonderful progress, while the patrons and trustees lend interest and co-operation and attendance is good.



ROSEDALE SCHOOL FACULTY

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FRENCH SCHOOL BUILDING



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Faculty: Mary White, Principal; Mrs. G. C. Comstock, Mrs. Helen Stanford, Arrie Secrest, Mildred Markham, Kathryn Perry. Trustees: Mr. H. G. French, Mr. C. I. Colleps



STUDENT BODY OF FRENCH SCHOOL

1921

The French School

In 1900 a rough boxed schoolroom was erected from lumber given by Messrs. J. D. McClean and W. W. Green on an acre of land donated by Mr. David French, near Junker's farm, on the Concord Road. It was a two-teacher school, and was named for Helbig Station, a sawmill town on the Santa Fe railroad. Later, an enthusiastic campaign was put on for better schools, and a bond issue was voted to erect a modern school building. This school building erected in 1912 at a cost of \$25,000 compares favorably with buildings costing twice that amount now. The four acre plot in the present campus provides ample play grounds, and athletic activities are a part of the school. The building is of concrete and brick, with eight class-rooms, basement, auditorium, music, and rest rooms—all equipped with running water and steam heat.

The French School, named so from a family by the name of French, settled there eighty years ago—maintains seven standard grades. Children living in the western section of the district are transferred to and from the school at the expense of the School Board. The high school students attend the Beaumont and South Park high schools, which are conveniently close.

In the early part of 1913, the Parent-Teachers' Association was organized with a small membership, but due to the untiring efforts of the president, Mrs. V. A. Collins, interest in the community increased and the membership grew, until now it is one of the most active associations in the State. This association provided chairs for the auditorium, curtains and scenery for the stage, athletic goods, library equipment, and a medicine chest stocked for emergencies.

A carnival and a County fair was held during the first week in December of this school year in the basement of the school. Splendid exhibits of canned goods, fruits, and farm products were displayed, prizes were awarded to the winners, and a program rendered by the students. A small admission was charged, netting \$140.00, which was applied on the piano fund.



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"SUN-KISSED SONS OF HAM"

This is the Oak Ridge Colored School of the French School District. There are four teachers with an enrollment of three hundred children. This school has made application to the State Department for an allotment of the Jeanes-Slater fund, and the employment of a Jeanes teacher who will supervise the instruction of Domestic Science and Domestic Art in the colored schools of the County. State aid to the amount of \$800 was received this year which was used to construct a new room and increase the teaching force.

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Loans and Discounts.....\$3,042,685.77	Capital Stock\$ 250,000.00
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U. S. Bonds 101,000.00	Undivided Profits 143,210.74
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Certificates of Indebted- ness of U. S. 25,000.00	Deposits 4,087,088.48
Stocks, Securities & Bonds 113,343.10	Dividends Unpaid 576.00
Stock Fed. Reserve Bank.. 18,000.00	Taxes Anticipated 5,000.00
Stock in Federal Interna- tional Banking Co..... 1,875.00	Reserved for Interest..... 5,824.94
Furniture and Fixtures 12,679.20	
Redemption Fund 5,000.00	
U. S. W. S. Certificates..... 838.00	
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NEDERLAND SCHOOL BUILDING



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STUDENTS OF NEDERLAND SCHOOL

1921

The Nederland School

In the past two years there have been many noticeable changes in the management and in the development of the Nederland Public School.

The first change toward progress occurred when the district was reorganized to become the Nederland Independent School District. The school had grown, the demands of the community were greater than the common school district could meet, and it became necessary to reorganize the public school district to meet these demands.

The Nederland School District is one of the smallest in Jefferson County, as it contains only about seventeen square miles. The population of the District is about fifteen hundred.

In accordance with the demands of the community, a petition was filed with the County Judge, and an election was ordered for January 17, 1920. A canvass of votes showed the community to be in favor of the proposed reorganization with the exception of two dissenting voters.

Among other problems which the new school district was to face was the necessity of increasing the financial resources. In order to accomplish this increase a Board of Education was appointed and the taxable value was increased on property in the district from \$1,250,000 to \$3,250,000. The heaviest tax payers in the district—oil companies and public utilities—were heartily in favor of the change. In October, practically all of them paid their taxes and made it possible for the school to be run on a cash basis.

The School Board has succeeded in bettering the school in the last two years. First, the faculty has been increased to nine teachers, and the minimum salary for first grade teachers increased to \$110 per month. Second, a new three-room annex has been built, and sufficient equipment added to meet the requirements of the school. Third, the Tax Assessor's and Collector's office shows a complete record of all the finances of the District. In fact, the School Board and its administrative officers have spared no time or effort in their aim to make this one of the best schools of its size in the State.



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The Nederland School--Continued

Lively interest in sports has been manifested by the students. The schedule for the boys' basketball team was:

Nederland vs. Port Neches.....	20— 9
Nederland vs. Port Neches.....	25— 4
Nederland vs. South Park.....	7—23
Nederland vs. Port Arthur.....	0—19
Nederland vs. South Park.....	5— 4
Nederland vs. Port Neches.....	24— 2
Nederland vs. South Park.....	7—20
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Totals.....	88—81

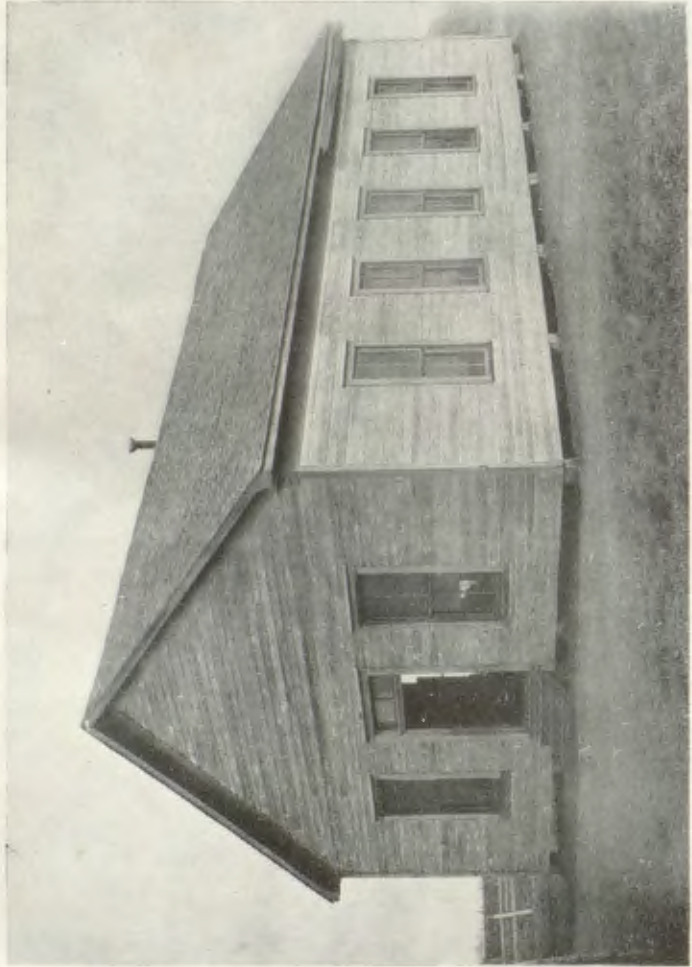
The score for the girls' basketball team was:

Nederland vs. South Park, Jan. 7.....	20—10
Nederland vs. South Park, Jan. 27.....	19— 9
Nederland vs. Port Neches, Feb. 2.....	6— 3
Nederland vs. Port Arthur, Feb. 5.....	4—16
Nederland vs. China, Feb. 12.....	8— 4
Nederland vs. Port Neches, Feb. 12.....	11—12
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Totals.....	67—54

Good work is being done by the Erisophian Literary Society which has been for some years an important organization in the High School. The four classes in High School have also been completed into organizations, each with its officers and committees. All together the school year has been one of material progress and success.



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FANNETT SCHOOL BUILDING



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FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF FANNETT SCHOOL

The Fannett School

Fannett school is located fourteen miles South of Beaumont on the Hamshire road. It is a two-teacher school, with an ordinary frame building and has a fairly good library. There are about 115 scholastics, and the attendance has been very good recently. Much interest is being manifested by the parents as well as the pupils, and this is a splendid field for excellent work.

This school has a membership in the Interscholastic League, and is planning to make a record. The girls and boys are interested in a course in gardening, and one of the urgent needs of this district is—next to consolidated high school with all its modern equipments, planned for the near future—that it be situated on a school farm of several acres, with playground and athletic field equipped.

The district carries at present fifty cent local tax and has an assessed valuation of \$240,000. It is a good farming section, with farms well stocked and land values high. Thrift is practiced among the citizenship who stand loyally by every movement for the betterment of the community.

A series of entertainments and social gatherings are being had, which add interest to the school, and are a source of revenue from which a



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The Fannett School--Continued

handsome Grafanola has been purchased for the entertainment of the gatherings and will be used in the school as a means of instruction in musical training. The present faculty is a wide-awake, enthusiastic couple and the community will do well to retain them, especially since the district is contemplating the building of a strictly up-to-date consolidated school building in the not distant future. This school has two Junior entrants in the Declamation Contest of the County Meet April 1st and 2nd.



BURRELL BUILDING AND STUDENTS

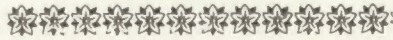
The Burrell School

Years ago an acre of ground was donated by Mr. J. L. Burrell, and the Burrell School, named in honor of the donor, was begun in the same district as the Fannett School.

The present building, which was erected in 1913, is slightly removed in location from the site of the old building. The grounds are fenced and flowers are planted around the school building so that its appearance is quite neat. It is only a one-teacher school, but the building is nicely painted and the equipment is fairly modern.



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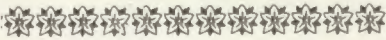


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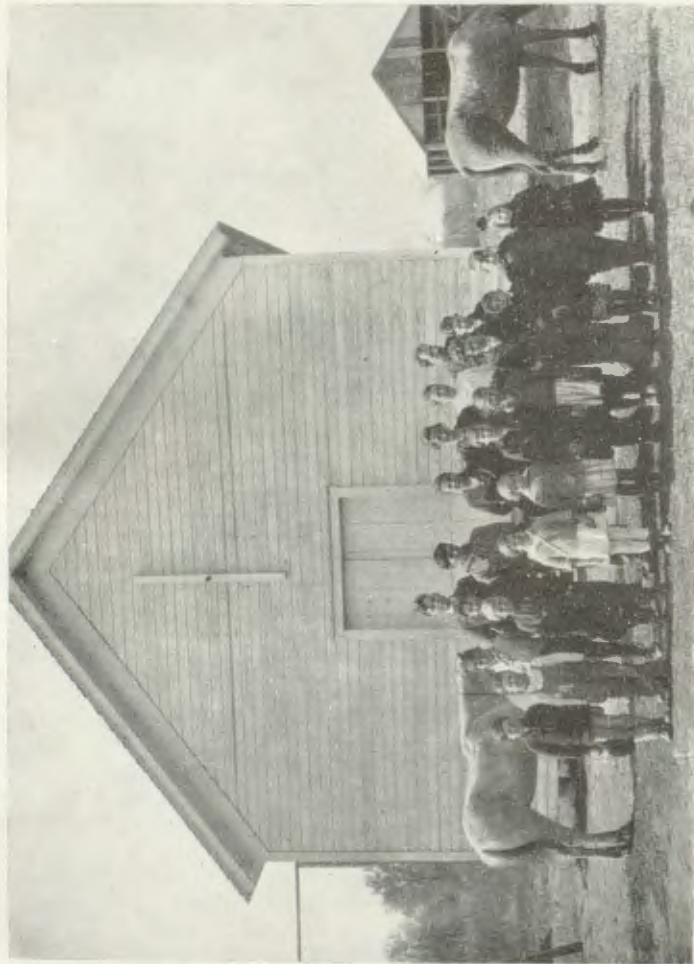
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LA BELLE SCHOOL BUILDING



The La Belle School

Fifteen miles southwest of Beaumont, and six miles southeast of Fannett, the La Belle Rural School, named for the wife of Mr. J. E. Broussard, of the Beaumont Rice Mill, is situated on the east margin of Lovell's Lake. It is a place well known to fishermen and hunters, being a very popular rendezvous for sportsmen, far and near.

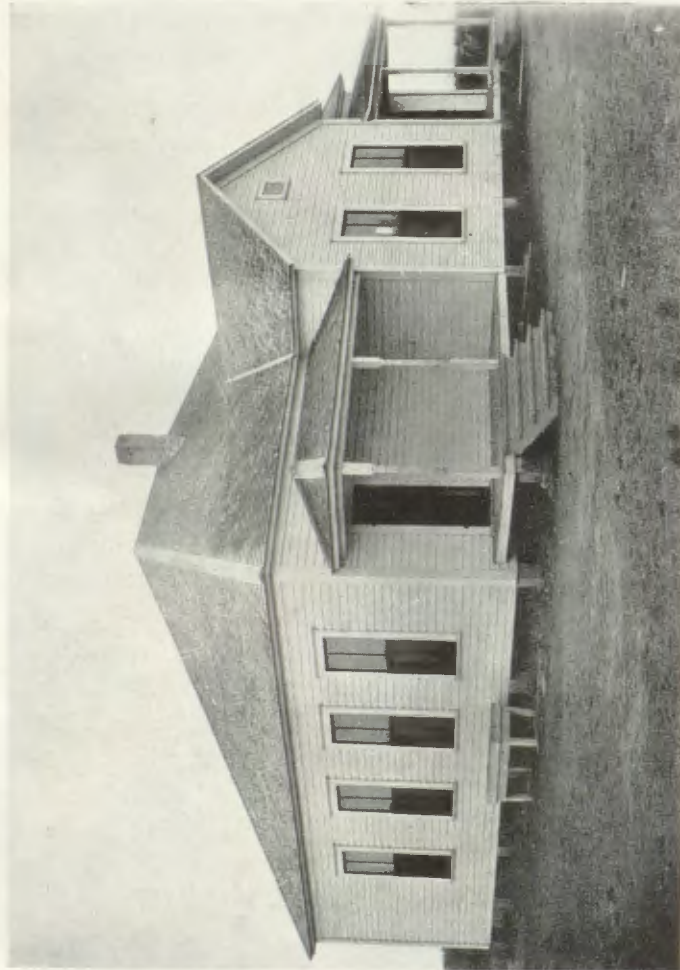
The school yard has its location on the southwest corner of the Burrell and La Belle crossroads, and presents a very comfortable and tidy appearance. A large, warm shed, which the district has caused to be erected to shelter the horses, cars and other means of conveyance used by the school children, stands in one corner. The grass and weeds from the yard have been burned, the holes and depressions filled with sod, and the entire ground leveled and put in order. Evergreen trees have been transplanted to form a border to the walks and to the roadways. Flower beds are in progress. There is a good well on the school grounds, and the flowers which have been placed to border the walks and the buildings will shortly make the grounds a beautiful place.

La Belle school has made marvelous progress this year. Never before has it boasted two teachers. The principal, Mr. J. E. Boyle, is being assisted by Mr. Damon, who is visiting him, and the two are doing much for the community, as well as for the school. A Parent-Teachers' Association has been recently formed, a literary and debating society organized, and a piano for the school room has been purchased. The students have organized, not only a baseball team, but football and basketball teams as well. Equipment has been provided and classes in calisthenics are in progress. The average daily attendance of those enrolled has approximated 100 per cent. Few cases of tardiness are reported, and the deportment of the students is of unusual excellence.



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CHEEK SCHOOL BUILDING



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STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF CHEEK SCHOOL.

1921

The Cheek School

Cheek School began its existence in September, 1907. The new district was formed after a hard struggle with the Amelia district. A very small school house was erected. The desks and seats were made of rough lumber and each seat was long enough to seat four pupils.

After the house was built, there was only seventy five dollars left to pay a teacher. The trustees, Messrs. Jim Clubb, Mr. Tiller, and R. H. Hunter each agreed to board the teacher one month. They employed Miss Donna De Cordova, now Mrs. E. E. Edmonds, of Cheek, for a term of three months, paying her twenty five dollars a month.

Each succeeding year the term was lengthened until in 1911 the full nine months was reached. In the same year the building was enlarged and remodeled into the large two room building of today, and two teachers were employed.

Cheek has reached the standard maintained by city schools. Its pupils, after finishing the ninth grade have been able to enter the city schools, and their work has compared favorably with that of their classmates.



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PUPILS OF SABINE PASS SCHOOL

1921

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The Sabine Pass School

In the early 60's, a Mr. Goebel rented a school building and furnished it at his own expense. He and his wife composed the faculty of the Academy, as it was called. In course of time, the building was burned, and was never rebuilt.

Later, private schools were taught from time to time in dwellings. Then a one-room building for school purposes was built on the public square. Two teachers were employed to teach in the same room. With Mr. Samuel Harper, a highly educated man, as principal, and his efficient assistants during the several terms, the school made fine progress. When the short terms of three or four months of public school was finished, generally, the school was continued, the teachers receiving pay from private funds.

Pupils from the surrounding country attended the town school at that time, but as the Front and Back Ridges became more thickly populated, two other districts were formed and each provided with a small school house, and a teacher, but in course of time, perhaps in 1888 or 1889, pupils from the country attended the town school again, where the terms were of longer duration.

The memorable storm of October 12, 1886 caused the death of many of the pupils and completely demolished the school building in town. For the remainder of the term, and for several other terms, the public school was taught in a private building.

As families who had moved away after the storm, returned, a larger building was needed and was built, and later enlarged as necessity demanded. A second and then a third house was built, and equipped with modern fixtures, maps, globes, etc., and a piano installed. From two to four teachers were employed for terms of eight or nine months.

In the meantime, the town of Sabine, two miles distant, had materialized and was maintaining a public school, the more advanced pupils coming to the Sabine Pass school for instruction.

In 1914 there was built in each town a school building of reinforced concrete and brick, the larger of the two being in Sabine Pass. The building would do credit to a town of much larger population, not only on account of its size, but also for the complete arrangement of its many rooms for classes, its domestic science and manual training rooms, with their equipment and its large auditorium, which will probably seat five hundred people.

Throughout the building the seating, the heating, the electric lights, which were recently installed, and the ventilation, are the best; all fixtures and apparatus are the best obtainable.

In 1916, the Sabine School consolidated with the High School at Sabine Pass and transportation for the pupils was provided.



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The Gill School

The Gill Schoolhouse was erected jointly by the community and the County in 1906, and was named for the founder, Mr. George Gill. It is located about five miles southeast of the shell road leading from Beaumont to Hamshire. The land was donated by Mr. J. C. Groves.

The enrollment at the beginning of the September term was twenty pupils, and attendance has been excellent. This school has the hearty cooperation of the parents, and the best efforts of the trustees.

Three interesting social functions have been enjoyed by the whole community during the past term—a box supper and literary program in October; a picnic-styled supper at Thanksgiving, and a real old-time Santa Claus Christmas tree for all.

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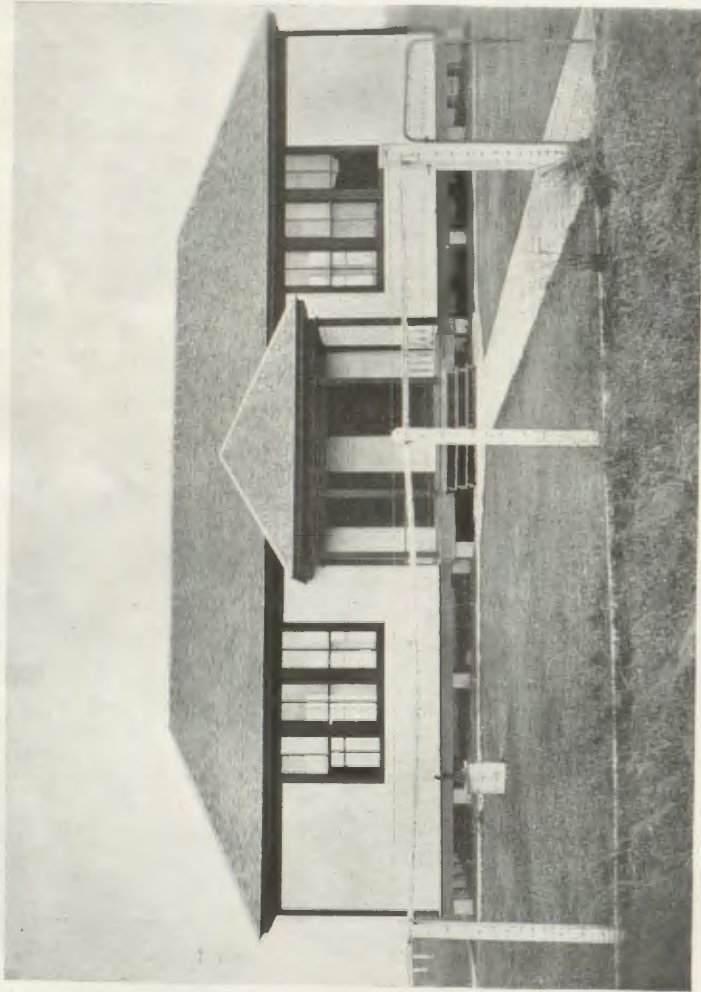
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HAMSHIRE SCHOOL BUILDING



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HAMSHIRE SCHOOL CHILDREN
GLADYS RUDD, Teacher

The Hamshire School

A two-room building, just a block from the depot, was built for school purposes at Hamshire in 1915, and since that time the school has been successfully carried on, sometimes one teacher employed, again two. It has splendid playgrounds that are used for athletic and social activities, and has an enrollment of twenty-six children, with good, regular attendance.

The children rendered an interesting program on the occasion of the visits of the workers for the Better School Campaign, who spoke at the building in the early fall. Christmas was celebrated with a program in keeping with the season, including a well-rendered play, and a real tree with a Santa Claus who was not partial to any, but liberal to all.

The people in this community believe in their school, the trustees and teacher, and lend all possible support and encouragement to them.

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PORT NECHES SCHOOL BUILDING



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PORT NECHES TEACHERS

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HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES, PORT NECHES SCHOOL



PRIMARY GRADES



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The Port Neches School

Port Neches Public School No. 16 is situated in the southeastern part of the county, on the right bank of the Neches River, midway between Beaumont and Port Arthur. The district contains about twenty square miles of territory, and includes the town of Port Neches, the Texas Company and Magnolia Asphalt refining plants. The district has a population of more than 3,000, with a school census of 475.

The district owns a five acre school campus. A modern brick building of eight rooms was erected in 1911. In 1919 a wooden structure was erected to give additional room. In 1920, \$55,000 in bonds was issued to construct another building to take care of the growing needs of the school.

The school is supported by its pro rata of the State and County school funds, by a fifty cent local tax, and by liberal donations from the financial interests, especially from the Texas Company. State aid in the sum of \$1,250 was granted the school this year.

The school maintains ten standard grades and a free kindergarten department. The grades are equipped according to the requirement of the State Department of Education. Only those teachers who hold first grade or higher certificates are employed. The high school at present maintains the following courses: English 3 units, History 3 units, Science 3 units, Mathematics 3 units, Latin 2 units. An additional grade, manual training and domestic science, will be added as soon as the new building is completed.

Interscholastic League events are participated in, and a Literary Society is maintained in every room. The school made a good record for itself in the 1920 County Meet. The Senior girls have captured the basket ball honors this year. Entrants in most features of the regular County Meet will be entered this April.



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PORT NECHES KINDERGARTNERS

A free Kindergarten is maintained by the school. This was added in 1920 by the Board on the petition of the patrons. A qualified teacher is employed and equipment furnished in keeping with other standard kindergartens. Children from five to seven are admitted and trained until ready for the first grades when they are advanced. This department is affiliated with the Primary grades. The effect of lowering the age of children on entrance to the first grade, and more rapid advancement thereafter is sufficient argument for its establishment and maintenance. A kindergarten association did much to help establish this department, and deserves commendation for its untiring efforts and continued interest in the work.



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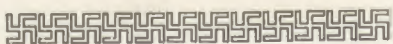
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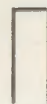
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NEW HOLLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AND STUDENTS
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The New Holland School

This quaint, Dutch building in District Seventeen represents the characteristics of the thrifty Hollanders and Bohemians who established the school in 1911, and is situated on the Beaumont-Winnie public road, four miles southwest from Hamshire.

The school is classified as an elementary school of seven grades. State aid was received for the first time this year, and now the school has sufficient lighting space, sanitary toilets, and an excellent library. The teacher's cottage, annexed to the school, contains furnishings, built by the manual training class under the supervision of the present teacher, Mrs. Barrett.

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PORT ARTHUR'S SCHOOL BUILDINGS

FRANKLIN SCHOOL
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The Port Arthur Independent School District

The Port Arthur Independent School District operates under a special charter granted by the State Legislature. There are approximately 53 square miles in the District. Its limits extend far beyond the limits of the city of Port Arthur. The tax for all purposes is 50 cents on the \$100.00. During the present session 34 cents of this amount is used for maintenance and operation, while 16 cents of this amount is used for the purpose of creating a sinking fund and paying interest on bonds.

The schools are controlled by a Board of Education elected by popular vote. The members of the Board serve for two years. The District maintains its own Tax Assessor and Collector.

At the present time the school system occupies seven of the eight buildings owned by the District. Six out of the seven buildings are used for school purposes, while the seventh building is used for administration and store house purposes.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This building stands at the junction of Stilwell Boulevard and Lakeshore Drive. It has a housing capacity of 725 students. It has four laboratories, five shop rooms, four economics rooms and one auditorium.

The High School is affiliated with the University of Texas in the following subjects:

English, 4 units; History, 3½ units, Algebra, 2 units, Plane Geometry, 1 unit; Solid Geometry, ½ unit; Trigonometry, ½ unit; Latin, 4 units, Biology, 1 unit; Chemistry, 1 unit; Physiology, 1 unit; Physical Geography, ½ unit; Domestic Arts, 1 unit; Domestic Science, 1 unit; Manual Training, 1 unit; Mechanical Drawing, 1 unit; Physics, 1 unit; General Science, 1 unit; Home Nursing, ½ unit.

Graduation from High School requires the making of 18 units selected from the following subjects:

First year:

Required: English 1, Mathematics 1, History 1.

Elective: Spanish 1, Latin 1, Home Economics 1, Manual Training 1, Mechanical Drawing 1, General Science 1, Physiology, Physical Geography, Civics, Music 1, Oral English, Public Speaking.

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The Port Arthur Independent School District

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Second year:

Required: English 2, Mathematics 2, History 2.

Elective: Spanish 2, Latin 2, Home Economics 2, Manual Training 2, Mechanical Drawing 2, Biology, Home Nursing, Civics, Music 2, Oral English, Public Speaking.

Note.—One course in Science must be taken from the offerings of the first or second year.

Third year:

Required: English 3, Mathematics 3.

Elective: Spanish 3, Latin 3, Home Economics 3, Manual Training 3, Mechanical Drawing 3, Chemistry, Home Nursing, History 3, Economics, Music 3, Oral English, Public Speaking.

Fourth year:

Required: English 4.

Elective: Spanish 4, Latin 4, Home Economics 4, Manual Training 4, Solid Geometry, Vocational Arithmetic, Music 4, Oral English, Public Speaking.

Note.—An advanced course in Science, either Physics or Chemistry, must be taken in the third or fourth year.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

The Franklin Ward School is located on Tenth Street and Mobile Ave. The school site covers four city squares, the equivalent of one of which is covered by the building itself. This building was completed in January, 1917, at a cost for the building and site of \$430,000. The building itself cost 17½ cents per cubic foot. This is one of the most complete school buildings in the South. It contains laboratories, shops, Home Economics quarters, gymnasiums, swimming pool, open air classrooms, conservatories and auditorium. The housing capacity of this building is approximately 3200 students on an eleven period day. The work offered in the building is from the kindergarten to high seventh, both inclusive.

DE QUEEN SCHOOL.

This building is located on Seventh Street and DeQueen Boulevard. It was completed and occupied during the school year 1913-14. Cost for



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The Port Arthur Independent School District

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the erection of the building was approximately \$55,000. It has a housing capacity of 800 children. This building is operated on the Work-Study-Play plan, and carries work from the kindergarten to high sixth grade, both inclusive.

LAMAR SCHOOL.

This building is located on West Seventeenth Street and Lamar Avenue in the Port Arthur Heights Addition. The building was completed in the school year 1920-21. The building contains six rooms and offers work from the kindergarten to high fourth grade inclusive. The building and site cost approximately \$30,000.

GRIFFING SCHOOL.

The building is located on part of the Griffing Nursery site approximately four miles from town. Two teachers are employed to carry the work from the low first to low fourth, inclusive.

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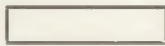
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BEAUMONT HIGH SCHOOL



The Beaumont High School

The High School is centrally located on College Street, and is easily accessible from all parts of the city. Last year the building was enlarged and the old part was worked over with the result that all parts of the building have the appearance of being more or less new. Including the laboratories, there are thirty-five rooms and an auditorium. Nearly one thousand students have been enrolled during the current session. The High School is on the list of the Southern Commission of Accredited Schools. The school has an accredited list of thirty-one units. It is expected that five additional units will be secured from applications that have been submitted this year to State Department of Education. A foreign language must be taken by those who wish to prepare for institutions of higher learning.

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Elective: Manual Training and Drawing, Home Economics, Physiology $\frac{1}{2}$ Year, Physical Geography $\frac{1}{2}$ Year.

Third Year:

Required: English, Latin or French or Spanish, Plane Geometry, Physics or Biology or Chemistry.

Elective: Manual Training and Drawing, Home Economics, Book-keeping, Stenography, English History.

Fourth Year:

Required: English, American History, Civics.

Elective: Latin, Solid Geometry $\frac{1}{2}$ Year, Trigonometry $\frac{1}{2}$ Year, Physics or Biology or Chemistry.



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The Beaumont High School--Continued

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

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English, Algebra, Ancient History, Commercial Arithmetic.

Second Year:

English, Algebra, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting.

Third Year:

English, M. & M. History, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Business English.

Fourth Year:

English, American History, Civics, Commercial Law, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting.

GENERAL COURSE.

First Year:

English, Algebra, Ancient History, Manual Training and Drawing, Home Economics, General Science.

Second Year:

English, Domestic Arts, Algebra, M. & M. History, Physiology $\frac{1}{2}$ year, Physical Geography $\frac{1}{2}$ year, Manual Training and Drawing.

Third Year:

English, Plane Geometry, Physics or Botany, Manual Training and Drawing.

Fourth Year:

English, American History, Civics, Chemistry, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting.

SUBJECTS ACCREDITED.

English	4 units	Latin	4 units
History	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ units	French	3 units
Mathematics	4 units	Spanish	3 units
Physical Geography	$\frac{1}{2}$ unit	Manual Training	1 unit
Physiology	$\frac{1}{2}$ unit	Mechanical Drawing	1 unit
Chemistry	1 unit	Domestic Science	1 unit
Physics	1 unit	Domestic Arts	1 unit
Botany	1 unit	Stenography	1 unit
Civics	$\frac{1}{2}$ unit	Bookkeeping	1 unit



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The Beaumont High School--Continued

NOTES ON COURSES.

1. Students who elect the College Preparatory Course are *required* to take four years of English, three years of History, three years of a foreign language, and two years of Science. In addition to these requirements, they must select four from the electives in order to have the required number of units for graduation. In case a student wishes to take more than is required for graduation, permission must be obtained from the Principal.

2. In the Commercial Course, English, Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Typewriting are required. Students will be given considerable range in their choice of other subjects with the understanding that deviations from the course as outlined must meet with the approval of the Principal or some one authorized by him to advise in such cases.

3. For the benefit of those who have no intention of going to college and no desire to specialize in commercial work, a General Course is provided. In this course as much freedom of choice as possible will be granted in the selection of subjects.

4. The different courses, as far as possible, will be adapted to the abilities, aptitudes and needs of the students. With few exceptions, it would not be a mistake to take the College Preparatory Course the first year. By the beginning of the second year, after each pupil has had an opportunity of testing his ability and discovering his aptitudes, each student should, with the help and advice of parents and teacher adviser, definitely decide which course is best adapted to his aptitudes and purposes.



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SOUTH PARK SCHOOL BUILDINGS



The South Park School

South Park is the third largest school in Jefferson County. There is an enrollment of 1,100 and an average daily attendance of about 1,050.

The school grounds contain sixteen acres of land, and present a beautiful appearance all times of the year. There are three large brick buildings and several small frame ones used for school purposes.

The faculty consists of a Superintendent and Principal, three trades teachers, one teacher of Vocational Agriculture, a Supervisor of Art and Music, a teacher in Domestic Science, and another in Domestic Art. There are two teachers in the commercial department, and five teachers for the academic branches in high school. There is a special teacher for the kindergarten, and twenty grade teachers.

The school is growing very rapidly. Five years ago there were only sixty in the high school, and now there are over two hundred, with a similar percentage of increase in the grades.

This school attempts to meet the requirements of all classes of pupils. For those who will go to college there is a course so arranged that a graduate can without examinations enter any college of the State. The school is now on the approved list of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, which carries the privilege of entering any approved college in the South. In turn, there is reciprocity between the Southern associations and other similar associations in the New England States, and the North Central States, whereby a graduate completing the college preparatory course may be admitted to almost any college or university in the United States.

For the benefit of those who do not intend to enter college, there is a four year commercial course, a trade school, and advanced course in agriculture and domestic art and science.

South Park High School is rated by the State Department of Education as one of the best fourteen affiliated schools in Texas. At present the school has thirty-two affiliated credits.

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The Jefferson County Health Department

SCHOOL HEALTH WORK.

In January, 1920, in accordance with an agreement entered into by the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Texas State Board of Health, full-time health departments were established in the first five counties in the State of Texas. The plan adopted called for the maintenance of a permanent full-time health department within the County, under the direction of a trained health officer, who gives his whole time to the work. It is financed jointly by the Rockefeller Foundation, the State Board of Health and the Court of County Commissioners.

Owing to its importance, wealth and its strategical position with regard to the occurrence of epidemics and the prevalence of diseases, and also due to the progressive attitude of the men who had charge of the County affairs at the time, Jefferson County had the distinction of being one of the first five counties in the State to inaugurate a health department upon this basis.

The object of the health department is to carry on all of the activities possible that are known to prevent disease, to promote health and prolong life. Manifestly the field is a large one, and one that is difficult to cover. There are, however, certain lines of activities that, on account of their obvious importance, have been given preference. These are: (1) education of the people in matters pertaining to health and the prevention of disease, (2) control and prevention of soil pollution diseases, (3) isolation and quarantine of communicable diseases, (4) examination of school children for communicable diseases and defects that can be remedied, (5) public health nursing.

From the outline given above, it will be seen that one of the most important activities of the full-time health department is in connection with the county schools.

The plan is for the health officer to visit the schools at regular intervals, either alone or accompanied by a Red Cross Nurse, and inspect the school buildings and grounds, and suggest to the teachers or trustees such sanitary improvement as he may deem advisable. Talks and lectures are given

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The Jefferson County Health Department

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on health subjects to the teachers and children either by the health officer or Red Cross nurse. Physical examinations are made of the school children to detect contagious diseases and to discover defects that can be remedied in childhood. Parents and teachers are advised of all of these diseases and defects, and efforts are made by the health officer and nurse, who follows up the examinations, to get as many defects corrected as possible.

Arrangements have been made with physicians and specialists in Beaumont to perform operations and give medical attention to school children brought to them through this department. This will be done regardless of whether the parents are able to pay for the work or not. Arrangements have been made also with the hospital at Beaumont, to accommodate the children for a few days after an operation, when necessary.

During the first part of the year 1920, a special examination for Trachoma, a contagious disease of the eye, was made by the health officer, accompanied by a specialist from the U. S. Public Health Service. Examinations were made of the children in practically every school in Jefferson County, including the schools of Beaumont and Port Arthur. During this special examination 11,685 children were examined. There was found a very slight infection amounting to about one-fourth of one per cent, as compared to ten and twelve per cent found in some of the mountainous counties of Kentucky and Tennessee. Children who were found infected were given immediate attention, and practically every one of them have been cured and is now back at school.

Aside from the special survey made for Trachoma, during the year fifty-one visits were made by the health officer to the schools of the county, and 106 lectures and talks on health subjects were made by the health officer or nurses, with an attendance of approximately 5,000. Most of the lectures and talks were made in the schools and to parent-teacher clubs. A comprehensive physical examination of school children was begun during the present term. A full report of the results of these examinations is not available at the present time, as the work has not yet been completed.



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Statistics show that the average defects found in school children in the whole United States is about as follows:

Defective teeth	50 per cent
Malnutrition	16 per cent
Adenoids	23 per cent
Defective hearing	4 per cent
Infected tonsils	30 per cent
Enlarged glands	6 per cent
Defective eyes	21 per cent
Anemia	2 per cent
Tuberculosis of the lungs.....	1 per cent
Heart disease	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent
Mental defects	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent

Data obtained from the schools that have already been completed in Jefferson County show an average of defects comparable to that of the nation in the majority of cases, but a much larger percentage of defective teeth. Up to the present time, besides the special examinations for Trachoma, physical examinations have been completed in the twenty white schools; 2,457 children have been examined, 1,770 have been found defective. 761 of these defects have already been corrected, and efforts are being made to follow up the rest and obtain as many corrections as possible.

The health department has come to fill a need that has long been felt by progressive teachers of this County.



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County and District Interscholastic League Meets

The Jefferson County Interscholastic League Meeting was held at South Park School under the supervision of Director General C. W. Bingman, April 1st and 2nd, 1921, was a decided success. The literary events were held in the school building Friday night and Saturday morning, April 1st and 2nd, respectively. The athletic and field events were held Saturday afternoon, April 2nd.

The most successful part of the Interscholastic Meet was the literary events, in which six schools were entered: South Park, Rosedale, Fannett, Amelia, Nederland, and Port Neches. The following winners were declared in the literary events:

Debate: South Park girls: Lena Montgomery and Josephine Turner; South Park boys: Audrey Tribble and Oliver Keith.

Declamation—Rural School: Junior girls: Juanita Bordreaux, first, Rosedale; Laversa Brown, second, Fannett; Irene Teal, third, Amelia.

Junior boys: George Beard, first, Rosedale; Lynwood Bryan, second, Fannett; Ezra Turner, third, Amelia.

Senior girls: Altha Buckner, first, Rosedale.

Senior boys: Horace Turner, first, Amelia; Sterling Spell, second, Rosedale.

Declamations—High Schools: Junior girls: Beatrice Smith, first, South Park; Juanita Goodwin, second, Nederland; Pauline Houghton, third, Port Neches.

Junior boys: Dorsett Brown, first, South Park; John Kaper, second, Nederland; Alfred Brooks, third, Port Neches.

Senior girls: Maggie Carroll, first, Port Neches; Theresa Kaper, second, Nederland; Ann Koelmay, third, South Park.

Senior boys: Woodard Ritter, first, South Park; Nelson Hebert, second, Port Neches; Ernest Dohlmann, third, Nederland.

Spelling: Senior girls: Masil Houghton, Port Neches.

Junior girls: Margaret Maurin, Port Neches and Lottie Louise Cromwell, Nederland.

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Essay Writing: Katie Black, Port Neches.

In the field events the Nederland boys took first prize in the running broad jump and running high jump, but dropped to second place in the shot put event which was won by the Amelia school. Port Neches won, by default, the mile relay, pole vault, and tennis. Port Neches was entered in four events in which there were no contestants from other schools. Out of the eight events in which Nederland and Port Neches entered, Port Neches won second place in five; and first, second, and third in one, thus leaving six first places and three second places for Nederland.

Prizes were given to the winners of first places by the following business houses of Beaumont: White House, Leach Brothers, Hicks' Book Store, Rosenthal's, Uhry's, Roos Brothers, Texas Bank & Trust Company, and E. Szafir & Son Company. The other prizes given were purchased with the gate receipts.

In the District Meeting of the Interscholastic League, which was held at the Beaumont High School, Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th, the following Jefferson County contestants were victorious:

Declamation—Rural School: Senior boy: Horace Turner, Amelia.

Junior boy: George Beard, Rosedale.

Junior girl: Juanita Bordeaux, Rosedale.

These winners will go to Austin May 6th and 7th, to participate in the State Meet.

Athletic events have not as yet been completed in the District, but it is to be hoped Jefferson County entrants will lead.



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