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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WILKES COUNTY 1920/21

Wilkes Co., N. C. Board of Education

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# OF THE <br> Public Schools <br> of Wilkes County 

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## Public Schools of Wilkes County

## 1920-1921

## TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION :

Gentlemen: I herewith respectfully submit to you my annual report of the public schools of Wilkes County for the scholastic year ending June 30, 1921.
I desire to congratulate you upon the success of the work during the past year. When we consider the many epidemics prevalent in various parts of the county during the past winter, the results are exceedingly gratifying.

I wish to call your attention to the table showing the progress of public education in our county since the year of 1900. It is indeed an encouraging story of progress and should be an incentive to our people to attempt still greater things in the years to come.

With best wishes for the continued success of the worl in our county, I am,

Most sincerely yours, C. C. WRIGHT, County Superintendent of Schools.

Hunting Creek, N. C., June 30, 1921.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF WILKES COUNTY:

Fecling that it is a duty we owe to the public to give an account of the progress of public education in the county each year, and believing that the patrons of the public schools, the school officers and the friends of education will be pleased to receive this information, and that a better knowledge of what our schools are doing will tend to create more interest in them, we gladly present to you this our twenty-second annual report, trusting that the work done and the results achieved merit and may receive your approval.

Very truly yours,

> C. C. WRIGHT,

County Superintendent of Schools.
ITunting Creek, N. C., June 30, 1921.

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1920-1921.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

C. C. FAW, Chairman,
J. H. PENNELL,

North Wilkesboro, N. C.
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,..
$\qquad$ Wilkesboro, N. C.
C. C. WRIGHT, Secretary, $\qquad$ Hunting Creek, N. C.
T. M. CRYSEL, Treasurer, $\qquad$ Wilkesboro, N. C.

Second Tuesday in April, July and October.

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATIUN

 First Monday in each month.
## MEETING OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Second Friday and Saturday in September, October and November.

## COLORED TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

First Friday and Saturday in September, October and November.

## STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

Early in the year the following letter was sent to all the teachers in the county:

In order to further stimulate the work in the county we have decided to continue the Standard of Excellence which has been in operation in the schools here for some time past.

The names of all the schools which can measure up to the requirements enumerated below will be published in the local papers and also in the annual report of the public schools. The requirements are as follows:

1. Is the school building painted?
2. Has the school a bell?
3. Has the district an original school library?
4. Has the school library been supplemented?
5. Has the school room been supplied with desks?
6. Has your school been supplied with maps, blackboards and charts?
7. Has your school enrollment reached not less than 90 per cent of the census?
8. Has the average daily attendance reached not less than 75 per cent. of the enrollment?
9. Have you established or tried to establish a school farm or garden during the term?
10. 

No. 10 is intended for any particular activity which the teacher thinks worthy of mention and which may be counted in lieu of any one of the above. The superintendent is to pass on the merit of this number.

Those answering 70 per cent of the above questions in the affirmative will be entitled to a place on the list of A 1 schools.

## STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

The following is a list of those schools which met the requirements:

Antioch, No. 1.
Beaver' Creek, No. 1.
Boomer, No. 1.
Boomer. No. 2.
Boomer, No. 3.
Edwards, No. 1.
Edwards, No. 4.
Edwards, No. 7.
Edwa:ds, No. 12.
Edwards, No.14.
Elk, No. 2.
Elk, No. 5.
Elk, No. 7.
Jobs Cabin, No. 2.
Jobs Cabin, No. 4.
Jobs Cabin. No. 5.
Lewis Fork, No. 1.
Lovelace, No. 1.
Lovelace, No. 3.
Moravian Falls, No. 4.
Moravian Falls, No. 5.
Mulberry, No. 3.
Mulberry, No. 4.
Mulberry, No. 8

New Castle. No. 4
New Castle, No. 5.
New Castle, No. 7.
North Wilkesboro, No. 1.
Norch Wilkesboro, Nこ. 2.
Nortin Wilkesboro, No. 3.
North Willsesboro, No. 4.
Reddies River, No. 2.
Reddics River, No. 4.
Rock Creek, No. 2.
Rock Creek, No. 3.
Rock Creek. No. 4.
Somers, No. 4.
Stanton, No. 3.
Stanton, No. 4.
Tiaphill, No. 1.
Traphill, No. 3.
Traphill, No. 4.
Trapkill, No. 6.
Union, No. 10.
Wilkesbbro, No. 2
Wilkesboro, No. 3.
Wilkesboro, No. 4.

## HONOR ROLL FOR TEACHERS.

Early in the year the following letter was sent to all the teachers:

We have decided to again adopt the Honor Roll for the teachers of the county for the year ending June 30, 1921. The names of all those who succeed in getting on the Honor Roll will be published in the local papers and also in the annual report for 1920. The requirements are as follows:

1. Are you a member of the County Teachers' Association?
2. Are you a member of the State Teachers' Reading Circle?
3. Did you attend a summer school or the Teachers' Institute in 1919 or 1920 ?
4. Do you have desk copies of the text books which you are required to teach?
5. Do you read any educational journal ? If so, what?
6. Have you raised any funds this year. If so, state amount raised and for what purpose.
7. Have you improved the house and grounds in any way? If so, how, and to what extent?
8. Have you visited the patrons of your school this year?
9. Have you attended the group meetings this year?
10. Have you held any parents' meetings, debates, spelling matches or entertainments during the term?
11. Have you enrolled any club members this year?

## HONOR ROLL FOR TEACHERS

12. Will your school be represented at the Township Contest or at the County Commencement this year in any contest?
13. Have you observed any special day in school this year? If so, what?
14. Have you held or tried to hold a moonlight school or community school this year?
15. Have you organized a Thrift Society or a Junior - Red Cross Society in your school this year?
16. Will you contribute an article to the Educational Edition of the local papers this year?
17. 

Question No. 17 is intended for any particular activity which the teacher thinks worthy of mention and which may be counted in lieu of any one of the above. The superintendent is to pass upon the merit of this number.

Those answering 70 per cent. of the above questions in the affirmative will be placed on the Honor Roll.

Assistant teachers will answer questions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, $5,6,8,9$, and 17 .

## HONOR ROLL FOR TEACHERS

Following is a list of those teachers meeting the requirements:

1. W. A. Durhan.
2. W. L. Brewer.
3. Jas. T. Nichols.
4. Spencer Elledge
5. Hattie McNeil.
6. Mattie E. Sale.
7. Bess L. Triplett.
8. Cornelia Denny.
9. Pertie Pruiti.
10. W. R. Craft.
11. Eower Hall.
12. D. C. Sebastian.
13. J. C. McNeil.
14. D. C. Whittington.
15. R. L. Wooten,
16. Charlie Miles.
17. M. R. Haynes.

18 Walter Miles..
19. Rebecca Chambers.
20. V. MeGhinnis.
21. John Hayzes.
22. Marie Greene.
23. Lawrence Miller.
24. L. D. Welborn.
25. Eertha Revis.
26. Ciranford Blevins.
27. Cornelia Parks.
28. Pedia Hayes.
29. Cordie Hayes.
30. Mrs. S. A. Lyon.
31. Mamie Varnoy.
32. Docia Elledge.
33. Geneva Caudill.
34. Cynthia Hays.
35. Janie Gilreath.
36. Asa Greene.
37. Cordia Wyatt.
38. C. M. Settle.
39. Etta Pruitt.
40. Minnie Parduc.
41. Stella Triplett.
42. Bertha Durham.
43. Mrs. W C. Taylor.
44. Mrs. P. H. Pardue.
45. Annie Taylor.
46. Emily Crater.
47. W. H. Sebastian.
48. Mrs. Blanche Miller.
49. James Howell.

COLORED

1. Bessie E. Harris.
2. M. N. Watts.
3. `Sadie Watkins.
4. Mary F. Gilreath.
5. Mabel W. Adams.
6. A. H. Foust.
7. Nannic M. Horton.

## SEVEN YEARS’ PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

The following children have been perfect in attendance for seven years and were awarded gold medals at the County Commencements:

| John Barnett | Jaft Foster | Elsie Foster |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Clifford Pilkenton | Sallie Lovette | Ralph Combs |
| Ola Staley | Bertha Baity | Lillian Calloway |
| Richard Staley | Mattie Rose Laws | Effie Prevette |
| Martha Hawkins | Nellie Brown | Vivian Prevette |
| Hugh Hawkins | Agnes Pardue | Alice Absher |
| Troy Foster | Etta Belle Costner | Ochus Absher |
| Vermon Marley | Herman G. Moore | Florence Church |
| Dwight Church | Eula Wiles | Nellie Mastin |
| Chy J. Rash | Zelma Jennings | Cecil Johnson |
| Mamie Vickers | Zilla Call | Russel Johnson |

COLORED:
Howard Horton William Brown

## ELEVEN YEARS' PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

The following children have been perfect in atiendance for eleven years and were awarded gold medals at the County Commencements:

Carl McCarter Annie Horton Ruth Caudill.

## MILLERS CREEK COMMENCEMENT.

## SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.

Elk. District No. 2
Nellie West Amanda Anderson
District No. 4
Chils Saunders Lawrence Triplett

## SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

| Dessie McNeill | Marie McNeil | Vera Ellis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Challie Church | Raeford Pierce | Roy Pierce |
| Saiah Ann Church | Nola Pierce | Jake Eller |
| Arlie Foster | Gwyn Parsons | Gertrude McGee |
| Vernon McNeill | Ruby Parsons | Angus Ellis |
| Taft Foster | Edith Parsons | Veoria Elledge |
| Ella Marie Foster | Rachel Eller |  |
| Etola Foster | Kyle Dockery |  |
|  | District No. 2. |  |
| Troy Foster | Venver Foster | F. Hackett |
| Wayne Church | Verlee Foster | Devona Shepherd |
| Vaughn Church | Bob Shepherd | Daniel Huffman |
| Eairl Church | Elnora Shepherd |  |
| Francis Foster | Iceman Shepherd |  |
| Garsie Woodie | District No. 3. Pansy McNeill | Vera Eller. |
| Turner Huffman | Beatrice Woodie | Daniel Huffman |
| Effie Eller | Maggie Woodie |  |
|  | District No. 4. |  |
| Hassie | Triplett Theodore | Adkins |
|  | District No. 5. |  |
| Katrina Walsh | Nellie Matherly | Emma Adkins |
| Runmi Eller | Elma Matherly | Lake Messick |
|  | N. Wilkesboro School |  |
| Nlizabeth Taylor | Beatrice Johnson | Watson Brame |
| Woodrow Pardue | Myrtle E. Norris | Louise Shoaf |
| Edgar Reynolds | Sallie E. Reynolds | Inez Spainhour |
| Ralph Marlow | Bryce J. Caudill | Beulah Johnson |
| Eula Forester | Shelton Brewer | Philmore Reynolds |
| Annie Horton | Paul Pardue | Esther V. Forester |
| Ruth Caudill | J. D. Moore | Maidia M. Pardue |
| Jack Brame | Edwin Forester | John K. Blackburn |
| Mary Stafford | Oliver Absher |  |
|  | District No. 5. |  |
| Ira Byers | Richard Canter | Bradshaw Parsons |
| Claude Bumgarner | Annie Dancy |  |
| Reddies River District No. 1. |  | Erie Huffman |
| James Huffman | Guy Eller | Alley Eller |

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

| District No. 3. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pearl Shephord | Nettie Wyatt | Numa Shepherd |
| Fay Vannoy | Gay Wyatt | Fidell Shepherd |
| John Wyatt | Teddy Wyatt | Nettie Hall |
|  | District No. 4. |  |
|  | Ethel M. Parsons |  |
|  | District No. 5. |  |
| Ola Staley | Robert Staley | Tam Staley |
| Thornton Staley | Howard Staley | Bertha Bumgarner |
| Richard Staley | Fred Staley | Jennie Bumgarner |
|  | District No. 7. |  |
| Beatrice Wayne | Britt Wingler | Rufus Wayne |
| Zade Wayne | Press Wingler | Branard Wayne |
| Paul Wayne | Fred Wingler |  |
| Carl Wingler | Chessie Wingler |  |
|  | District No. 8. |  |
| Dollie Roten | Rodney Roten | Thedma Sheets |
| Loyd Roten | Rosco Sheets | Ruth Sheets |
| Sada Roten | Buford Sheets |  |
| Smith Roten | Lula Sheets |  |
|  | District No. 10. |  |
| Lillie Royal | Vada Royal | Susie Osborn |
|  | District No. 11. |  |
| Charlotte Wingler | Gwyn Miller | Mary Ann Shepherd |
| Herman Long | Florence Kilby |  |

## LIBRARY CERTIFICATES.

Vetra Beshears

Nona Dancy

Glenn Reggs
Arlie Eller

Job's Cabin, Dist. No. 2
Nora C. Beshears Dorris Beshears
Union, District No. 5.
Edna Staley Ola Staley
Reddies River District No. 5.
Willard Cole
Ina Vannoy
Carl Colvard

## PERFECT SPELLERS.

|  | Elk, District No. 4. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Grady Keys | Clarence Woods | Guss Hendrix |
| Clyde Keys | Hamp Triplett | Mamie Woods |

## Raleigh'

## PERFECT SPELLING.

| Carl Colvard | Pansy Vannoy <br> Sherman Colvard <br> Ola Staley | Doe Palmer <br> Maggie Dancy |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | District No. 7. Whittington <br> Docie Whittington <br> Carrie Whittington |  |
|  | Beatrice Wayne |  |
|  | District No. 8. |  |
| Carson Sheets | Smith Roten | Gaye Reeves |
| Glenn Sheets | Ambrose Roten |  |
| Lola Sheets | Nina Dancy |  |

## WILKESBORO COMMENCEMENT.

## SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.



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| Louise Moore | Walter Winkler | Marie James |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pearl Hendren | Nellie Winkler | David Warren |
| Archie Fletcher | Ernest Jarvis | Press Anderson |
| Hubert Winkler | Lesta Barnett |  |
|  | District No. 4 |  |
| Clara Jones | Everett Jarvis | Mary Lou Earp |
| Lola Anderson | Maie Ellis |  |
|  | District No 5. |  |
| Pauline Linney | Eaden Nichols | Lacie Privette |
| Alfred Shore | Dennie McNeill | Ray Hall |
| Jim Deal | Allen Guthrie | Lexie Lenderman |
| Harry Dula | Roy Reins | Hope Hendren |
| Ed. Carrigan | Luther Hambry | Mary Lee Hunt |
| Edna Whittington | Lincoln Spainhour | Blanch Laxon |
| Clyde Shepherd | Eugene Somers | Nell Pardue |
| Ruth Shepherd | Louise Dula | Grace Sheets |
| Eldora Sheprerd. | Dorothy Call | Minnie Smoak |

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Beaver Creek District No. 1.
Kate Walker
Boomer, District No. 1
Minnie Smithey
District No. 2.
Lola Proffit
Mack Proffit

Wilson Lackey
Nora Lackey

Herman G. Moore
Frank Walker
Homer Costner

Height Proffit
Claude Minton
District No. 3.
Herman Lackey Ernest Parsons Albert Parsons Ruby Andrews Brushy Mountain, District No. 1. Etta Belle Costner Lunda Hendren Amanda Tedder Ila Day

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

|  | District No. 5. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Lonnie Moore | Annie Ball | Rollo Queen |
| Virgil Moore | Merlin Ball | Loyd Queen |
|  | Elk, District No. 1. |  |

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

| Walter Dula <br> Minnie Johnson <br> Maude Dula | Gertruie Jolinson A | Allie Kilby |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | McEwen Jarvis |  |
|  | Howard Gilreath |  |
| Herman | Disrict No. 7. |  |
|  | Lowe Winrie Low |  |
|  | Somers, District No. 5. |  |
| Cecil Johnson | Macie Johnson | Thelmis Inscore |
| Georgia Johnson | Lexie Johnson I | Ethel Inscore |
| Russell Johnson | Katy Johnson |  |
|  | Wilkesboro. |  |
| Sheldon Anderson | Mabel Hendren | Nell Winkler |
| Bradford Hendren | Nellie Jarvic | Isaac Anderson |
| John Anderson | Bassie Jarvis | Nellie Mastin |
| Hoit Hendren | Nellie Jamez | Charlie Williams |
| Press Anderson | Lois Moore | Stacy Willioms |
| Walter Winkler | Pearl Hewdren |  |
| Myrtle Anderson | Lesta Barnett |  |
|  | District No. 5. |  |
| Ellen Estep | Blanche Johnson | Jessie Lar.e |
| Ila Holman | Roy Spainhour | Fannie Micchell |
| Mary Shects | Lelia Belle Howell | Mary Stewart |
| Minnie Smcak | Lena Hollar | Hadl:y Hayes |
| Grace Sheets | Madge Linney | Roy Pardue |

## LIBRARY CERTIFICATES.

Elizabeth Snithey
Lola Proffit
Clyde Proffit

Mattie Rcse Laws Iomie Duncan

Boomer, District No. 2
Mack Proffit Boyden Walls
Erby Ferguson Ola Broyhill
Bessic Broyhill Alde Minton
Lovclace. Dist. No. 1.
Effic Livingstan
Moravian Falls, District No. 1.
Wren Duncar Nellie Brock

Wilkesboro, Dist. No. 1
Isaac Andcrson

## PERFECT SPELLING.

Boomer, District No. 2
Lola Proffit Mack Proffit

Wilson Lackey Herman Lackey Ruby Anderson
Brushy Mountain, District No. 1.
Rosalie Moore Zella Tevepaugh

Herman Moore Amanda Tedder
Etta Belle Costner Ella Day
District No. 2.
Jack Mårlow
Arthur Ball
Julia Marlow
Blanche Anderson Rena Estep
Ruby Estep Texie Estep
Ina Estep
Lovelace, Dist. No. 2.
Sindie Hendren Ginger Hendren
District No. 4.

| Blanche McCarter Bertha Hollar | John Hollar | Flossie Souther Exie Souther |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Commie Gregory |  |
|  | District No. 1. |  |
| Flossie Combs | Amy Anderson | Verna Johnson |
| Ethel Williams | Maie Johnson | Bertha Baity |
|  | Maic Williams |  |
| District No. 3. |  |  |
| Nell Winkler | Lois Moore | Pearl Hendren |
| District No. 4. |  |  |
| Pearl Jones | Maie Ellis | Mary Lou Earp |
|  | District No. 5. |  |
|  | Nell Pardue |  |

## RONDA COMMENCEMENT. <br> SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.

Edwards, Dist. No. 3.<br>Kemp D. Haynes<br>Coy C. Wood<br>Phola Parks

## SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.



## LIBRARY CERTIFICATES.

Antioch, District No. 3
George Harvey Sale
Edwards, Dist. No. 1.
Otis Felts
District No. 4.
Charles Poplin

## LIBRARY CERTIFICATES.

District No. 12.<br>Harold Sale<br>New Castle, District No. 4.<br>Walker Ham<br>Traphill. District No. 1<br>Thurman Benge<br>Bertie Brown<br>John C. Holbrook

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.



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District No. 13.
Lottie Blackburn
Everett Blackburn
Doretha Jordan

Cecil Barker Ethel Barker Grace Barker Dillon Barker Bonnie Barker Marcus Barker

Violet Riddle Boston Day

Omar Waiker Alvin Welhorn

Lillian Calloway Ona Calloway

Etta Mathis
Annie Mae Mathis Blanche Sale

Martha Freemen
Dumont Eskridge

Minnie Jeanings
Darlie Jennings
Charlie Jennings

Carl McCarter
Robert McCarter
Bernice Templeton
Clyde Davis
Drusia Mahaffey
Audry Templeton

Ovid Jordan
Ruby Parks
Brett Parks
District No. 14.
Major Barker
Sam Barker
Homer Barker
Hattie Barker
Annie Barker
Marshall Barker
New Castle, Dist. No. 1
John Welborn
District No. 3.
Mack Walker Ruth Bullis
Iva Welborne
District No. 4.
Anne Calloway Grace Green
Kenneth Green Virginia Warren
District No. 5.
George Sale Woodrow Mathis:
Archie Sale
Carl Mathis
District No. 6
Hazel Cook
Mollie Cook Valley Mathis

## District No. 7.

Turner Jennings Nola Howard
Fannie Nicholson Harrie Shore
Nela Nicholson
Somers, District No. 2.
Hazel Temploton Vivian Privette
Ralph Davis
Effie Privette
Sudia Privette
King Privette
Reuben Davis

Clyde Jordan
Lillian Swain
Jettie Jordan

Nancy A. Absher
Ellen Waddell
Lexie Cockerham
Howard Cockerham

Jessie Cook
Claude Riddle

Cain Privette
Bristol Privette
Ruth Felts
Dwight Parks

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.



## PERFECT SPELLERS.

| New Castle, Dist. No. 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Minnie Lewis | Hattie Hemrick Ruby Byrd |
| Opal Byrd | Roscoe Byrd Lydia Pardue |
| Lillian Calloway | Walker Ham Ruby Rumple |
| Virl Caudill | Bertha Byrd Esmer Welborn |
| Marie Wooten | Esther Lewis |
| Carl Ham | Florence McLain |
| District No. 7.Minnie Jennings $\quad$ Fannie Nicholson |  |
|  |  |
| Somers, District No. 2 |  |
| Carl McCarter | Bernice Templeton Ruth Felts |
| Drusia Mahaffey | Hazel Templeton Huston Coleman |
| Mittie Mahaffey | Attris Coleman |
|  | District No. 4. |
| Sallie Everege George Harvey |  |
| Traphill, District No.5 <br> Lura Pruitt |  |
|  |  |
| Disrict No. 6. |  |
| Samantha Richardson | Marion Bauguss Alice Absher |
| Frieda Chipman | Mae Absher |
| Jolınnie Mae HolbrookArchie Pruitt |  |
| District No. 7. |  |
| Lillie Holloway | Cinda Warren Emma Brewn |
| Janie Holloway |  |

## SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMENCEMENT.

| Ola Higgins Frank Blaylock | Lena Blaylock | Mai McDaniel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Paul Spicer |  |
|  | District No. 2. |  |
| Dora Sebastian | Ada Elledge | Lara Walker |
| Norman Reynolds | Annie Alexander | Charlie Sebastian |

## SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATES.

Pearl Jones
Einest McCarter
Gordon Forester

Belva Gregory

Vassie Byrd Beautress Whitley
Eva Alexander

Pedro Brooks

Nellie Stone Mabel Carpenter

District No. 4.
Fannie Taylor
Mountain View
Marshall Wright Harless Elmore
John South Dwight Church
Fred Roberts
Rock Creek, District No. 1.
Walcie Adams Erie Gilliam
District No. 2.
Leroy Porter
District No. 3.
Nilta Sebastian Gilbert Whitley

District No. 4.
Bessie Elmore Evy Alexander
Walnut Grove. District No. 2.
Earl Walker Myers Nina Wyatt
District No. 7.
Cora Johnson

## PERFECT SPELLERS

Mulberry, Dist. No. 2.
Norman Reynolds
District No. 5.
David Cleary
Mountain View.
Emest McCarter Audry Templeton
Rock Creek, Dist. No. 2
Eula Wile:
District No. 4.
Clemmie Byrd Edward Lowe
(27)

## PERFECT SPELLING.

Nora Freemen
Nora Holbrook

Elmira Sidden Etta Sidden

Walnut Grove, District No. 2.<br>Nina Wyatt<br>District No. 3.<br>Grace Hollar Viola Spicer

District No. 5 .
Fannie McBride Charlie Sexton

## LIBRARY CERTIFICATES.

Mulberry, Dist. No. 1.
Claude Key
District No. 4.
Fannie Taylor
North Wilkesboro District No. 2.
Burnard Williams Carrie Johnson
Clyde McNeill
Birel Shepherd

Opal Bauguss
Herman Bauguss
Helen Wood
John Gant
Orville Gant

Dwight Church
William Church

Lanie White
Tomy White

WaInut Grove, District No. 7.<br>Beatrice Johnson

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

| North Wilkesboro, District No. 2. |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Georgia Wood | Ruth Williams |
| Wayne Shepherd | Lola Williams |
| Virgie Shepherd. | Eustice Williams; |
| Walter Gant |  |
| Edward Wood |  |
| District No. 3. |  |
| Otis Warren | Mae Sloop |
| District No. 4. |  |
| John Anderson <br> Viola Swain | Guy Hutchinson |

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## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

| Lona Waddell | District No. 4. Hallie Waddell | Cleo Smoot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | District No. 5. |  |
| Larna Caudill | Blanche Holbrook | Martha Alexander |
| Ennis Brown | Mazie Johinson | Elmira Sidden |
| Georgia Lu Holbrook | Emma Brown | Jehn Q. Adams. |
| 1 | District No. 7. |  |
| Thelma Handy | Chesley Higgins | Butrice Johnson |
| Vestel Higgins |  |  |

## COLORED GRADUATES.

Wilkesboro.

| Catherine Horton Jettie Gilreath |
| :--- |
| Blanche Glenn |$\quad$ Agnes Majors

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE-COLORED

| Ida Horton Mary Horton | Beaver Creek. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ruby Ferguson | Withe Horton |
|  | Jones Horton |  |
|  | Boomer, Dist. No. 1. |  |
| Talmage Harris Lillie Parker | Odell Parker | Satterwhite |
|  | Lorie Harris |  |
|  | Boomer, Dist. No. 2. |  |
| Emma Saner Lewis Saner |  |  |
|  | Elk. District No. 1. |  |
| Mary Witherspoon P'irditha Adams | Donald Adams | Witherspoon |
|  | Elk, District No. 2. |  |
| Howard Horton <br> Lee Horton | Katy Horton | Jennie Hortan Charlie Horton |
|  | Avery Horton |  |
| Veatrice Hackett | Lewis Fork. |  |
|  | Maggie Ferguson | Luther Hackett |
|  | (30) |  |

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE-COLORED

|  | Union, District No. 1. <br> Julia Base <br> Maggie Base | Elbert Whittington <br> Evie Base |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Mulberry, Dist. No. 1. |  |
|  | Lonnie Fugett |  |
|  | New Castle, Dist. No. 1 |  |

## PERFECT SPELLING-COLORED

Beaver Creek, District No. 1.

Creala Horton Grace Horton

Hettie Carlton Ray Carlton Mary Carlton

Ida Horton

Boomer, District No. 1.
Mattie Carlton Flora Howell
Doanie Barnes
Wilmer Ferguson

Willie Horton Jay Linsy Barnes

## PERFECT SPELLING-COLORED



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## STATISTICS BY DISTRICTS



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## ENROLLED BY GRADES



## STATISTICS BY TOWNSHIPS



## PUPILS STUDYING THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES


PROGRESS IN EDUCATION IN WILKES COUNTY
19001920 ..... 1921
Rural Libraries $0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ 150$ ..... 150
Supplementary Libraries 0.............. 258 ..... 280
Second Original Libraries $0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ 27 ~$ ..... 32
Local Tax Schools $0 . \quad 41$ ..... 35
Value of School Property \$6580... \$189380. ..... $\$ 213441$
Frame School Houses .....  64 ..... 148
Log School Houses ..... 34................... 1 ..... 1
Districts with no House ..... 33 ..... 0 ..... 0
Painted School Houses 1.................. 94 ..... 95
Houses with Bells 8............. 121 ..... 121
Houses with Desks ..... 139 ..... 143
Teachers Employed ..... 288 ..... 300
Schools Taught ..... 148 ..... 151
Schools with Assistant Teachers ..... 88 ..... 104
Schools Teaching High School Subjects 4 ..... 30 ..... 58
Schools with Three or More Teachers..... 0 ..... 27 ..... 30
Monthly Salary of White Teachers ..... $\$ 20$ ..... \$65 ..... $\$ 70$
Teachers with Normal Training .............. 6 ..... 76 ..... 61
Iliiteracy 13 per cent ..... 1. ..... 1
Enrollment ..... $6233 \ldots . . . . . . . . .9775$........ 10181
Attendance $2312 \quad 6458$ ..... 6880
School Census ..... 10054 ........ 11545 ..... 11397
Members of Teachers Association $30 \quad 306$ ..... 314
Graduation Class, County Commencem't 0 ..... 114 ..... 205
Raised by Local Taxation 0 \$ $\$ 12871$ ..... \$14261
Pupils Studying Arithmetic ..... 2185 ..... 5611 ....... 5821
Pupils Studying Language \& Gram ..... 869 ..... 4055 ….... 4665
Pupils Studying Geography ....... 1265 ..... 3438 ..... 3840
Pupils Studying N. C. History ..... 365 ..... 807.............. 795
Pupils Studying U. S. History ..............364....... 1883 ..... 1885
Pupils Studying Civil Government ....... 51 ......... 370 ..... 480
Pupils Studying Agriculture ................................... 922 ..... 994
Enrollment in Daily Attendance (per cent) $37 . . .66$ ..... 68
Certificates of Merit Awarded 0 …........ 645 ..... 698
Perfect Speliers for Term ..... Not reported............ 186 ..... 239
Debates Not reported ............. 216 ..... 278
Entertainments Not reported.............. 140 ..... 192
Spelling Matches Not reported .......... 1308 ..... 1247
Per cent of School Census Enrolled .... 62 ..... 89
Per cent of Census in Average Attendance 23 ..... 60
Library Certificates Awarded ..... 47
Medals for 7 Years Perfect Attendance 0 ..... 35
Teachers on Honor Roll ..... 57
Districts Attaining Standard of Excellence 0 ..... 47
Parents' Meetings .............Not reported ..... 185
Medals for 11 Years Perfect Attendance 0 ..... 3

## EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SURVEY OF WILKES COUNTY

Number of Homes with Telephones ..... 972
Number of Homes Taking Daily Newspaper ..... 363
Number of Homes Taking Agricultural Papers ..... 1045
Number of Homes Taking Religious Papers ..... 473
Number of Homes Taking County Paper ..... 2062
Number of Homes with Running Water. ..... 86
Number of Homes with Lights ..... 219
Number of Homes Screened from Flies ..... 887
Number of Families that Raise Own Meat and Bread. ..... 2581
Number of Families owning Automobiles ..... 368
Whole Number of Families in County ..... 5334
Population ..... 32000
Church Members ..... 8327
Number of Churches ..... 144
Number of Sunday Schools ..... 117
Number of Miles of Improved Roads ..... 295
Number of Districts where Parents Visit School ..... 96
Number of Districts where Committee Visit School ..... 99
Number of Schools with Sanitary Privies ..... 25
Number of Schools where Teachers have Desk Copies of Text Books ..... 96
Number of Families Engaged in Farming ..... 4961
Number of Families Engaged in Other Vocations ..... 373

## TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION.

The meetings of the Teachers' Association have been well attended during the past year. Practically all of the teachers of the county are members of this body and take an active part in the work. These meetings have played no little part in the progress which our county has made along educational lines in the past decade. They have enabled the teachers to meet and know each other. They have given them higher ideals, greater inspiration, and more love for the work in which they are engaged. The colored teachers have an association which meets regularly and which has done great good for the schools of that race. Two hundred and eighty teachers were enrolled in the Teachers' Association during the year.

## PERFECT SPELLERS.

Feeling that the subject of spelling was being neglected in some of our schools, and realizing its importance, and hoping to arouse greater interest in this matter our Board of Education decided to give an award of honor to each pupil in the public schools of the county who was perfect in spelling for the entire term. This experiment has already demonstrated its worth and is to become a permanent feature of the educational work of the county. The names of those who received these awards of honor appear elsewhere in th.s report, a list 239 strong.

## CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

The awards of certificates of merit to all who were perfect in attendance during the past year has played no little part in the increased enrollment and attendance here. There were 698 children to receive these certificates of merit, and they came to get them from one end of the county to the other. This is but one instance of many that might be cited to show the ever increasing interest on the part of our people in all things that pertain to the education of their children. It shows unmistakably that they are determined to give their children a better chance in the race of life than was allotted to them. This has become a permanent feature in the work of the County. The names of those who received these certificates of merit for perfect attendance during the year appear elsewhere in this report.

## THE BETTER BREAD CONTEST.

In casting about for means to improve existing conditions in the schools from year to year we decided this term to hold a better bread contest in the schools throughout the county. Accordingly just before the close of the term a day was fixed in each school where a preliminary contest was held for the purpose of selecting three representatives from the school to take part in the township contest which was scheduled to occur one week later. At this contest three representatives were selceted to take part in the group contest to be held at the county commencement in the various divisions of the county. These contests were held in bread baking, biscuit baking, and cake baking. One merchant was selected in each township to give a bag of flour to the winner. Quite a number of baking powder companies, manufacturers of flour, cake ingredients, etc., etc., were asked to donate some of their wares to this purpose, and the response was most liberal indeed. Over five hundred giris and women entered the contests and each contestant received something in recognition of her efforts if nothing but a cook book. A great many of these were donated by various companies throughout the country. At the group commencements several valuable prizes were given by the merchants of the towns. All in all this was one of the most interesting and valuable features of the many entering into the activities of the day. No doubt the lessons learned in these contests will bear much fruit out yonder in the lives of these girls and young women.

## THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The year just closing has been a very successful one. The enrollment and attendance have really been phenomenal when we consider the percentage enrolled and in attendance in the county as a whole. In the increase in the valuation of school property which has been more than $\$ 24,000$ during the year, in the number of painted school houses, the erection of new buildings and additions to old ones, and in many activities the progress has been truly gratifying.

During the year we have increased the number of our supplementary libraries to 280 and the number of second original libraries to 32 . Each district has an original library.

Our County high schools at Wilkesboro, Ronda and Traphill, have a course of study covering two years while the school at Wilkesboro covers a period of four years, preparing the students for college.

There are two other schools in the county which prepare students for college: North Wilkesboro and Mountain View Institute. At the latter of these two places two excellent dormitories are in operation, one for the boys and one for the giris. Board here is given on the co-operative plan or at actual cost.

By means of circular letters, correspondence, the local press, the telephone, through visits and personal interviews, I have endeavored to keep in close touch with the work this year.

An interesting feature of the commencement exercises was the award of gold medals to 35 children who had attended school every day for seven years. Three others had been perfect in attendance for cleven years.

A colored commencement was held at Wilkesboro in April and was largely attended by the colored people from all sections of the county. Four diplomas of graduation were issued, 74 certificates of merit were given for perfect
attendance, two gold medals for seven years perfect attendance, 47 awards of honor were presented for perfect spelling for the term and 5 library certificates were given.

The library certificate plan was continued this year. To every pupil in the public schools of the county who had read no less than fifty books from the library during the calendar year was awarded a library certificate. Fortyseven certificates were given this year. This also becomes a permanent feature of the educational work of the county and has done much to interest the children in good reading.

A very intersting feature of the work this year was a recitation-declamation contest. Preliminary contests were held in the various schools for the purpose of selecting two pupils to represent the district in the township contest. These township contests were held on Friday afternoon, March 25, when two pupils were chosen both in spelling and in reciting and declaiming to represent the township at the group commencements. The winners in the commencement contests had the distinction of being the successful ones in three successive contests.

Hundreds of debates, spelling matches, entertainments and parents' meetings were held during the year.

The county, as in the past, was devided into four sections for the County Commencements in each of which a very successful meeting was held. Contests for reciting, declaiming, bread, biscuit and cake baking were held and prizes were awarded to the winners. For the names of the common school graduates who received diplomas at the group commencements, those who received awards of honor for perfect spelling, certificates of merit for perfect attendance, library certificates, etc., etc., see clsewhere in this report.

The Honor Roll for the teachers and the Standard of Excellence for schools which have again been in operation this year has each been productive of most excellent results, stimulating the work in many ways.

Comparative charts showing progress in education and
the conditions in each township along educational lines were placed upon the walls of the office of the Board of Education and exhibited at the meetings of the Teachers' Association. An outline map of the county was also displayed in the same manner, showing by various colors the percentage of enrollment in each township. Two townships, those of Brushy Mountain and Walnut Grove, each enrolled one hundred per cent. of its school census. This is the first instance of its kind in the history of the work here.

We again adopted the method introduced in the school last year of giving certificates for perfect monthly attendance. This, for obvious reasons, has helped the daily average in many schools. Hundred's of these certificates were given out to the boys and giris in the schools.

A sketch of the work of the year would not be complete without a reference to the splendid work of the teachers in a course of professional study outlined and suggested by the State Department of Education. After the three coun-ty-wide meetings of the Teachers' Association last fall the county was divided into four groups with a group center designated in each where the teachers met monthly and studied and discussed the professional course.

At the final examination in April quite a number of the teachers successfully passed the tests and the State Board of Examiners gave them credit for the renewal of their certificates. This feature of the work will be continued during the coming year. One hundred and sixty-eight teachers were enrolifd in this professional study course.

During the year a summer school of seven weeks duration was held at Moundain View where approximately one hundred and fiffty teachers attended in whole or in part and took the work prescribed by the State Board of Education. Many of these were enabled to raise their certificates to those of a higher grade, thus securing better salaries. All of them have been benefitted and through them the schools will also be helped. A summer school of six weeks duration was held at Wilkesboro for the teachers of the colored race
where about sixty teachers were enrolled. The school has helped the colored teachers very greatly.

A number of Community Fairs were held in the County where several educational exhibits were made and for which prizes had been secured.

During the year an educational survey was taken of the County which shows some very interesting facts as to the educational and agricultural condition of the country. A synopsis of this survey appears elsewhere in this edition.

In conclusion I wish to express my grateful appreciation of the assistance and cordial co-operation of the members of the Board of Education, the clergy, the bar, the press, the school committee, the teachers, and friends of education all over the county who have given to me and to the cause of education their most loyal support.

With gratitude to God for his blessings upon the work of the scholastic year now closing, we enter that of the new relying upon Him for divine guidance.

Wilkesboro, N. C., Sept. 14, 1921.

## TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WILKES COUNTY.

Gentlemen:
I hereby submit my audit of the accounts of the School Fund of Wilkes County for the fiscal year, Beginning July 1, 1920, and ending June 30th, 1921, as follows:

A rate of 15 cents was levied for the Teachers' Salary Fund and 3 cents for the Building and Incidental Fund.

The amount due the School Fund from taxes for the year 1920-21, is as follows:
Teachers' Salary Fund, ..... \$28,591.68
Building and Incidental Fund, ..... 6,821.28
Total due School Fund and collected, ..... $\$ 35,412.96$
Back taxes due and collected, ..... 810.77
Amount of Teachers' Salary Fund due from the State, ..... $\$ 97,000.00$
Amount received from the State, ..... 65,000.00
Balance due by the State, ..... $\$ 32,000.00$
Administrative Expenses.
C. C. Wright, County Superintendent. Salary, ..... $\$ 2,500.00$
Clerk Hire, ..... 400.00
Expenses, ..... 162,39
Postage and Stationery, ..... 337.60
Printing, ..... 426.36
J. S. Kilby, Mem. Bd. Ed., Salary and Expenses, ..... 59.00
J. H. Pennel, Mem. Bd. Ed., Salary and Expenses, ..... 116.40
C. C. Faw, Mem. Bd. Ed., Salary and Expenses, ..... 101.70
Total ..... \$4,103.45

## SPECIAL LOCAL TAX DISTRICTS.



Receipts from all sources and Disbursements for the year 1920-21:

## TEACHERS' SALARY FUND <br> RECEIPTS

| Cash on hand July 1,1920, | $\$ 4,245.47$ |
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| Collected from back taxes, | 810.77 |
| Collected from taxes 1920-21 | $28,591.68$ |
| Special Local taxes 1920-21, | $6,423.68$ |
| Ashe Co., for pupils attending |  |
| School in Wilkes, |  |
| Private Donations for High School, | 270.00 |
| State Emergency Fund, | 496.55 |
| Borrowed Money, | $21,000.00$ |
| State Funds, | $\underline{65,000.00}$ |
| Total receipts, | $\$ 130,738.15$ |

## DISBURSEMENTS:

| Sheriff's Com., Discount and Releases, | $\$ 2,145.53$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Repaid Borrowed Money, | $15,000.00$ |
| Paid Teachers' Salary, | $115,022.48$ |

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$\$ 132,168.01 \quad \$ 132,168.01$

## BUILDING AND INCIDENTAL FUND

| RECEIPTS: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Collected from taxes 1920-21, | $\$ 6,821.28$ |
| Poll Tax 1920-21, | $4,500.24$ |
| Penalties collected by Sheriff, | 383.49 |
| Rosenwald Fund, | 135.00 |
| Teachers Training, | 510.00 |
| Dog Tax, | $1,939.66$ |
| Fines and Forfeitures, | 635.85 |
| Private Examinations, | 195.00 |
| State Funds for Libraries, | 175.00 |
| Private Donations for Libraries, | 245.25 |
| Box Suppers, | 588.50 |
| Sale of School Buildings, Sites, etc., | $16,000.00$ |
| Borrowed Money, | $\$ 37,552.27$ |
| Total Receipts, |  |

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Sheriff's Ccm., Discount \& Releases,
\$ 1,340.14
Administrative Expenses,
Buildings \& Repairs,
Transportation of Pupils,
Fuel and Janitor,
Desks,
4,103.45
24,331.57

Census,
169.27

Libraries, 2,050.22

Supplies,
505.94

Insurance,
Interest,
Teacher Training,
Superintendent of Public Welfare,
Demonstration Work,
202.62

Moonlight School,
Attorney fee,
691.19

Errors and Releases,
All other expenses,
782.61
47.85
859.68

1,306.00
601.49

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