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NOTE: An experience with county-wide local school tax is the most effective argument for it. Counties adjacent to local tax counties, seeing its benefits, most readily vote for it. See map.

Shaded Counties: County-wide Local Tax.

LOCAL TAX COUNTIES

These counties tax themselves in order that all—not some—of their schools may be improved. One by one others are adding themselves to the roll of the educational leaders who demonstrate thus practically their belief in the necessity for more and better training for the children. A few years ago only Chatham, Richmond, Bibb, and Glynn had county-wide local taxation:


TIFT COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

HON. A. J. AMMONS, Superintendent ___________ Tifton, Ga.
MISS WILLIE BOMAR, Home Economics Agent ___________ Tifton, Ga.

Board of Education.

HON. A. S. MARTIN, Chairman ___________ Tifton, Ga.
HON. J. D. COOK ___________________________ Chula, Ga.
HON. J. J. BAKER ___________________________ Ty Ty, Ga.
HON. JACOB HALL __________________________ Tifton, Ga.
HON. J. A. DODD __________________________ Omega, Ga.
TIFT COUNTY

Tift county was created by the Georgia Legislature in 1905, and is located in the center of the finest farming section of South Georgia. The area of the county is 271 square miles, the population is 8,418 whites and 5,082 negroes; the school population by last census was white children 2,183, negro children 916.

The property returns subject to county-wide local school tax is $2,100,000.00, to which may be added railroad and other corporate property amounting to $922,703.00, or a total of about three millions.

GOOD ROADS.

Tift county prides herself on her good roads, and few, if any, counties have built better ones. The county is spending upon its public roads annually about $48,000.00 and there is no question raised as to the wisdom of the investment.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCES.

The county adopted county-wide local taxation for the support of public schools in January, 1906, about three months after the county was organized. The Board of Education levies the constitutional limit of five mills, but this yields considerably less than one fourth as much as is given to public roads.

The amount of school funds received from State in 1917 was $10,365.81
The amount of county local school tax was 10,300.00
Making a total for support of public schools $20,665.81
As against $48,000.00 for public roads.
This amount is insufficient for maintaining the rural schools on a liberal basis, and yet it is the maximum limit under our State constitution. Until a more liberal levy can be allowed it will be well to strictly limit the small fund to maintenance purposes, and resort to other ways for raising funds for buildings and betterments. The only other ways at present is through bond issues or private subscriptions. Bond issues by the county or by school districts would be the business-like way.

TIFT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It is doubtful if in any county in the State can be found so many organized agencies actively working in such cordial co-operation and so effectively for the betterment of the public school system and the general welfare of the children, as in Tift county.

The county Board of Education is earnestly and intelligently working out the problems of a better rural school system. The superintendent is industrious and energetic, giving his whole time and thought to the cause, day and night, hesitating at no personal expense or inconvenience when the educational interest of the county's children is concerned. Every other agency is welcomed when working for the uplift of the public schools or the welfare of their pupils.

CO-OPERATING AGENCIES.

The Smith-Lever fund and the county board of education supplies a Home Economics Demonstration Agent who aids the superintendent and teachers in promoting the "associated activities" in the rural schools, and there are both Boys' and Girls' canning clubs, pig clubs, etc., etc., in practically every school of the county.

The county authorities, aided by the International Board of Health, maintains a paid County Health Officer, who is making an intensive health survey of the entire county and devoting much time to the physical inspection of pupils, promoting sanitation in the public schools, and otherwise safeguarding the health of the children of the county.

The slogan is, "Health is the best wealth," and the policy is one of prevention. This work is under the supervision of Dr. R. W. Todd.

Urged by the appalling high percentage of defectives revealed by the Selective Draft, much of which could evidently have been prevented or remedied in babyhood or early childhood, a campaign of inspection and education is being carried on at every school house in the county by the Children's Welfare Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. This work is being done by Dr. Frances Bradley and her assistants, all experienced workers in this line. It is expected that through this inspection of the little ones and the education of their mothers and the consequent enlightened public sentiment, that many babies and young children will be saved from disease and death and become valuable assets to the county.

Besides these co-operating agencies there is a county Juvenile Court presided over by Mrs. L. M. Bassett, who is also County Probation Officer. This appointment is by the Judge of the Superior Court under a state law, and the purpose is General Welfare work for the county.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

Besides these many wholesome co-operating agencies is the Twentieth Century Club, familiarly known throughout the State as the "Tifton Woman's Club", which has always acted in hearty and helpful co-operation with all of them. This Club, organized in 1905, has promoted and maintained many helpful projects for Tifton and Tift county, but probably none have been more helpful or far-reaching than their constant care and work for the rural schools of the county. The physical evidences of this work are so unmistakable that they are easily seen by any one visiting the county schools, or readily recognized in a casual reading of the detailed reports on these schools in the following
pages. It is, therefore, entirely unnecessary to point them out in detail. However, for the sake of other clubs and other counties, the general plan on which they work may be given. The chairman of the Education Committee of the club divided the entire membership of the Club into as many sub-committees as there were rural schools in the county. Each sub-committee, under leadership of a chairman of its own, considers itself responsible for the needs of one particular rural school, thus giving to every rural school the protecting care and help of a separate committee. Thus the work is made co-operative and competitive.

(See Committees on page 13.)

It may be added for the benefit of the fearful that all of the organized agencies recognizes the Board of Education and their executive officer as the legal and logical head of the public school system, and so the work is always co-operative and constructive.

THE SCHOOL HOUSES.

It is worthy of note that first attention has been given to matters of sanitation. From the following reports it is seen that six rural schools have put absolutely sanitary toilets inside their school buildings. Probably even more will have been installed before this report can be printed, for it is proposed to standardize all of the schools. This is such important work that it is thought best to describe these sanitary toilets more fully on another page.

The school houses are built of the very best materials and workmanship, but planned according to the type of the best rural schools of a decade or two ago. They do not satisfy the demands of present-day school architecture as to lighting, ventilation, utility, etc. Few of them have windows facing the pupils, as is the case in so many of the rural schools over the State, but at many of them the window space is insufficient and placed too low and too far apart. These defects can be easily remedied, and in some cases better lighting afforded by painting the ceiling a lighter color.

None of the schools are properly heated and ventilated. The only practical solution of heating and ventilation for a small rural school is the jacketed stoves, which at little additional expense promotes good order and the health and comfort of the children.

The schools are all supplied with well framed pictures, and they have been selected with far more than ordinary care.

Most of the schools have been provided with good library cases, some with sectional cases, and with small libraries. The books in these libraries, however, are not serving the pupils very well. This probably is because the books for most part seem to have been donated rather than selected. Comparatively few are such as appeal to the lower grades in rural schools.

The windows are well provided with curtains and shades. The shades are the ordinary kind that roll from the bottom, but do not provide for letting in light from the top.

Floors are well oiled, and all school buildings are “clean and well kept”.

As these reports show, the usual school equipment is above the average for country schools of the State. All are provided with best patent single desks and good teachers’ desks, first class blackboards, etc. Blackboards generally are put up without moulding and chalk troughs, which makes them less satisfactory both in use and wear. Many of the schools are not well supplied with maps, etc. It pays to supply plenty of tools to work with.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Titles to most of the schools are in the county board of education. Many of them have large areas, and some of them are well improved. There are many encouraging school gardens and some very beautiful flower gardens. Nearly all are fenced. School yards are well kept.

Generally the playgrounds are ample in size, but little has been done to improve them or supply play appliances for
the children. It has been said that "a school without play is an educational deformity". Too little attention here, as elsewhere, has been given to employing the play instinct of children for promoting their proper development and education. Properly supervised play should be provided for in every school.

"School Pigs" are kept at many of the schools, and besides prizes offered for the best pigs, there is also offered a prize to the school that devises and maintains the most sanitary pig pen.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING.

The professional strength of the teaching force of the county does not measure up to the best. Rural school problems are more varied, complex, and difficult than in cities, and necessarily have less help from supervision. The demands upon the teachers are greater, and their scholarship and training should not be less. There should be no weak spots in the professional strength of the teaching force of a rural system of schools. Better salaries and selections by the county administration would tend to remedy this weakness.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The most needful things that would ordinarily be recommended have already been accomplished in Tift county. But where so much has been done the few things here recommended, if thought to be for the further betterment of the schools, will be more easily accomplished. I, therefore, submit for consideration:

1. The election or endorsement of all teachers by the superintendent and board of education. This would fix more definitely the responsibility for success or failure of the schools.

2. A gradual policy of consolidation where schools are nearer to each other than the law contemplates (four miles as the minimum).

3. A better system of heating and ventilation for the schools. (The jacketed stove is the only system recommended by any school authorities for small schools.)

4. Better lighting at many of the schools to preserve the children's eyesight. (In some cases this can be done by lighter colors, and by using the Draper sanitary shades for windows. The window space should equal at least one-fifth of the floor space.)

5. More attention to playgrounds and play appliances and supervision of play. The play instinct is God-given for a wise purpose.

6. Promote the school spirit through wholesome rivalries and competition. Organize various contests within the schools, and between the several schools in the county meets. Keep the public schools constantly before the public. There is no greater public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. DUGGAN,
Rural School Agent for Georgia.

The Russell Sanitary toilets have been installed inside the cloak rooms of a number of Tift county schools.
ADOPTIVE MOTHERS OF TIFT COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS.

TIFF COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS AND THEIR CLUB COMMITTEES.

Ansley: Mesdames J. J. Golden, Miss Effie Scarboro, F. T. Smith.
Bay: Mesdames J. J. L. Phillips, W. A. Clark, R. L. Bennett.
Excelsior: Mesdames I. C. Touchstone, J. L. Williams, John Murrow, Misses Grace Schley, Louise Madre.
Fairview: Mesdames J. B. Murrow, Raleigh Eve, Miss Carrie Fulwood.
Filyah: Mesdames W. L. Harmon, A. M. Hargrett, Miss Maggie Davis.
Hat Creek: Mesdames H. H. Tift, M. E. Hendry, J. C. Parker.
Myrtle: Mesdames Oscar Bowen, J. H. Young, J. D. Wilbanks, Miss Fannie Shaw.
Old Ty Ty: Mesdames J. L. Brooks, W. A. Puckett, Ralph Puckett, Miss Ava Baker.
Pearman: Mesdames B. H. McLeod, W. S. Cobb, Miss Julia Pinkston.
Red Oak: Mesdames H. H. Tift.
Ty Ty: Mesdames W. H. Hendricks, Berry Bigdon.
Vanceville: Mesdames L. F. Thurman, C. A. Irby, Miss Vera Parker.
Emanuel: Mesdames E. A. Ralston, Miss Octa Bassett.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. N. PETERSON, Chairman Education,
Twentieth Century Library Club.

Mrs. N. Peterson, Chairman of Education, Twentieth Century Club.
SALEM SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Lyda Anderson, Miss Eva Kirkland, Ty Ty, Ga.

Location: Four miles southeast to Omega; four miles northeast to Excelsior.

Grounds: Area, two acres; titles in Church; grounds unimproved; ample playgrounds; no school gardens; no toilets.

Building: Value $1,600.00; two class rooms; insufficiently lighted; improvised cloak rooms; floors oiled; building painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single Patent desks and teachers desks; first-class blackboards; set of maps mounted; a chart; large globe; framed pictures; very small library with case; a reference dictionary; flags.

Organization: Seven months school year; two teachers; eight grades; enrollment 102; programs posted; literary societies organized; a Community Mothers Club.

Canning Club Members: Inez Wooten, President; Dibbie Conger, Vice-President; Lessie Wilder, Secretary-Treasurer; Mary Annie Kennedy, Flora Hooks, Katherine Creel.

OLD TY TY SCHOOL.

Teachers: W. C. Mitcham, Mrs. Lula Bryan, Miss Estelle Prine; Postoffice, Omega, Ga.

Location: Three and one-half miles south to Ansley; four miles northwest to Excelsior.

Grounds: Area, three acres; titles in church; fenced and partly improved; ample playgrounds partly improved; school gardens; two toilets in bad condition.

Building: Value $2,500.00; three class rooms; no cloak rooms; insufficiently lighted; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers desk; first-class blackboards; United States history map and State map; charts; no globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; small library of thirty volumes in case; organ; flags.

Organization: Seven months school year; eight grades; enrollment 107; programs posted; no organized societies.

Canning Club Members: Gussie Ivester, President; Gladys Matthews, Vice-President; Rachael Marchant, Secretary-Treasurer; Lillie Lawson, Lorena Massey, Alice Lawson.
VANCEVILLE SCHOOL.

Teachers: W. H. Candill, Miss Sarah Elrod, Miss Willie Mae Bowen.

Location: Three miles east to Brookfield; four miles west to Emanuel.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in County Board of Education; grounds fenced but otherwise unimproved; small playgrounds; school gardens; two toilets in average condition.

Building: Value $2500.00; three class rooms; badly lighted, (particularly Primary room); cloak rooms; building painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single desks and teachers desks; first-class blackboards; one State map only; two charts; globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of seventy-five volumes in a case; an organ; flags.

Organization: Seven months school year; three teachers; eight grades; enrollment 125; programs posted; literary societies organized.

Canning Club Members: Myrtle Cooper, President; Evelyn Fender, Vice-President; Jane Aultman, Secretary-Treasurer; Mary Jane Lockey, Velma Browning, Annie Cooper, Lillian Hand, Inez Gentry, Annie Lee Kelley, Annie Browning.

NIPPER SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Marie Stevens, Tifton, Ga., R. F. D.

Location: Three miles east to Midway; four miles west to Ty Ty.

Grounds: Area, two acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and well improved; ample playgrounds; large school gardens; won prize for best garden, spring term, 1918; two toilets in good condition.

Building: Value, $900.00; one class room; well lighted; cloak rooms; building painted; floors oiled; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teacher's desk; first-class blackboards; maps; no chart; globe; framed pictures; a good library; good library case; a reference dictionary. (A better equipment being ordered.)

Organization: School year, seven months; one teacher; seven grades; enrollment 54; program posted; organized library society.

Canning Club Members. Mattie Lou Smith, Velma Summer.
PINE VIEW SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Myrtle Dixon, Tifton, Ga.

Location: Three and one-half miles northeast to Tifton, four miles northwest to Filyah.

Grounds: Area, three acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and unimproved; ample playgrounds; no school garden; two toilets in average condition.

Building: Value $700.00; one class room; cloak rooms; fairly lighted; painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teacher's desk; first-class blackboards; no maps; no globe; no library, a good case; a chart; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; a covered water-cooler.

Organization: Seven months school year; one teacher; seven grades; enrollment sixty; program posted; no organized clubs.

Canning Club Members: Ella Mae Moss, Bessie Lou Morris, Willie Mae Morris.

BRIGHTON SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Mattie Lu Moats, Tifton, Ga., R. No. 4.

Location: Two and one-half miles northeast to Harding; four miles southeast to Camp Creek.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in County Board; fenced but otherwise unimproved; ample playgrounds; no school garden; two toilets in average condition.

Building: Value $650.00; one class room; insufficiently and improperly lighted; no cloak room; painted; floor oiled; building in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teacher's desk; first-class blackboards; United States history and State maps; chart; globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; an organ; flags; individual drinking cups.

Organization: School year seven months; one teacher; seven grades; enrollment 44; program posted; no organized clubs.

Canning Club Members: None.
BAY SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Clifford Heard, Miss Eula Clegg, Tifton R. A., Ga.

Location: Two and one-half miles northwest to Fairview; three and a quarter miles north to Myrtle; four miles south to Tifton.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in Trustees; grounds fenced and well kept; playgrounds ample; school garden; two toilets in bad condition; school pig.

Building: Value $900.00; one class room; insufficiently lighted; cloak rooms; painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; United States history map only; no charts; no globes; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of twenty-five volumes in case; organ; flags.

Organization: Seven months school year; two teachers; seven grades; enrollment 52; programs posted; no organized societies.

Canning Club Members: Miss Cassie Conger.

OMEGA SCHOOL.

Teachers: F. G. Clark, Miss Emmie Slaton, Miss Izora Smith, Mrs. J. B. Mallory, Mrs. J. F. Florence, Mrs. G. W. Mallory. Music—Miss Ethel Averett. Expression—Miss Lola Royal.

Location: Four miles northwest to Salem; three and one-half miles northeast to Ansley.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in Trustees; grounds unimproved; very small playground, partly improved; no school gardens; two toilets in bad condition; school pig.

Building: Value $3,000.00; five class rooms, some of them separated by thin curtains; improperly and insufficiently lighted, except as to first grade room; no cloak room; building painted; in bad repair, but well kept. (Movement on foot for bonds for a better building.)

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; sets of maps mounted; charts; globe; framed pictures; no library; a reference dictionary; piano; large flag.

Organization: School year seven months; six teachers: ten grades; enrollment 286; programs posted; special classes in music and expression; two literary societies; no community clubs.

Canning Club Members: Evelyn Slaton, President; Grace Dodson, Vice-President; Maurine Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer; Eunice Martin, Lillie Pearl Cox, Edwina Buey, Sarah Mallory, Ada Ruth Mobley, Kathleen Jones.
EXCELSIOR SCHOOL.
(A Standard School)

Teachers: Miss Sallie Mae Prine, Miss Cora Ross; Postoffice, Tifton, Route No. 1.

Location: Three and one-half miles northwest to Ty Ty; four miles southeast to Old Ty Ty; four miles southwest to Salem.

Grounds: Area, four acres; titles in Trustees; grounds fenced and otherwise improved; ample playgrounds; extensive flower and vegetable gardens; sanitary toilets inside building (Russell System); school pig.

Building: Value $2,000.00; two class rooms and a reading room; insufficiently lighted; cloak room; floors oiled; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; no charts; a globe; framed pictures; library of twenty-five volumes in case; a reference dictionary; full set of maps in case; piano.

Organization: School year seven months; two teachers; seven grades; enrollment 105; programs posted; organized literary society.

Canning Club Members: Bessie Patrick, Lois Willis, Jewell Ford, Mary Hardison, Irene Terry, Blanche Willis, Lucy Rossman, Ina Lyon, Elma Gibbs, Euston Jones, Sallie Mae Sizemore.

OAK RIDGE SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Ranna Ramsey, Miss LaVerte Haisten; Postoffice, Tifton, Ga., R. F. D. 2.

Location: Three miles south to Eldorado; four miles north to Tifton; three miles west to Pineview.

Grounds: One and one-half acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and otherwise improved; ample playgrounds; school gardens; separate sanitary toilets inside building (Russell System); school pig.

Building: Value $2,000.00; two class rooms; improperly lighted; cloak room; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; set of maps mounted; charts; a globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of fifty volumes in case; flags; pencil sharpeners.

Organization: School year seven months; eight grades; enrollment 96; programs posted; literary societies organized.

Canning Club Members: Katie Nell Webb, President; Elberta Dunn, Vice-President; Jessie Gilley, Secretary-Treasurer; Eunice Ray, Ollie Cox, Sara Webb, Mattie Lu Wells, Eunice Wells.
BROOKFIELD SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Maude L. Vinton, Miss Ruth Clark, Miss Clara Belle Henderson; Postoffice, Brookfield, Ga.

Location: Three miles west to Vanceville; five miles north to Camp Creek; one mile to County Line, Berrien County.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in County Board; grounds well fenced and improved with hedges, flowers, etc.; yards well kept; playgrounds small; good school gardens; two toilets in bad condition; school pig.

Building: Value $4,000.00; two story building; three class rooms and library room; well lighted; cloak rooms; painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers’ desks; first-class blackboards; maps mounted in case; chart; globe; framed pictures; library of sixty volumes in case; a reference dictionary; sand tables; reading table with magazines; organ.

Organization: School year seven months; three teachers; eight grades; enrollment 125; programs posted; literary societies organized; a Community Mothers Club.


HARDING SCHOOL.

Teachers: Mrs. Stella Sutton, Miss Claudia Williford; Postoffice, Tifton, Ga., Route No. 4.

Location: Two and one-half miles southwest to Brighton; four and one-half miles southeast to Camp Creek.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in County Board; well fenced and partly improved; grounds in good condition; ample playgrounds; school pig; two toilets in good condition.

Building: Value $2,000.00; two class rooms; well lighted; no cloak rooms; painted inside and outside; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers’ desks; first-class blackboards; three maps; charts; a globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of one hundred volumes in a sectional bookcase (good selection of books); flags.

Organization: Seven months school year; two teachers; eight grades; enrollment 70, program posted; literary society; a community school improvement league.

Canning Club Members: Martha McCall, Estelle Denby, Willie Mae Bishop, Loree Belcher, Ruth Vance, Mary Fletcher, Mozelle Simmons, Juanita Jenkins, Abby Dorminey, Sallie Dorminey, J. L. McCall, Alfred Bishop, Roscoe Belcher.
TY TY SCHOOL.

Teachers: J. W. Miller, Miss Ruth Powell, Miss Mary Julia Jordan, Miss Charlotte Mobley, Mrs. E. J. Cottle. Music—Miss Mattie Joe Mallary.

Location: On A. C. L. Railway; four miles east to Nipper, three and one-half miles southeast to Excelsior.

Grounds: Area, two and one-half acres; titles in County Board; grounds well fenced; improved, hedges; ample playgrounds; two toilets, condition bad.

Building: Value $10,000.00; concrete blocks; two story; four class rooms and auditorium; well lighted; wide halls used for cloak rooms; insufficiently heated by small stoves; building in good repair and well kept. (Bond issue pending for enlargement and improvement.)

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers’ desks; good blackboards; no maps except United States history maps; no charts; no globes; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; sectional library case with small library; piano.

Organization: Seven months school year; five teachers; nine grades; enrollment 250; programs posted; organized societies; a Community Womans Club.


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RED OAK SCHOOL.

Teachers: W. V. Martin, Miss Mattie Sue LeSueur, Tifton, R. F. D.

Location: Four and one-half miles southeast to Chula; four miles south to Pearman.

Grounds: Area, two acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and improved; ample playgrounds; rose garden, shrubbery, etc.; two toilets in good condition.

Building: Value $2,000.00; two class rooms; improperly and insufficiently lighted; cloak rooms; floors oiled; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers’ desks; first-class blackboards; no maps; charts; no globes; framed pictures; no reference dictionary; library of one hundred and twenty-five volumes in case; organ; flags.

Organization: School year seven months; two teachers; seven grades; enrollment 107; programs posted; no organized societies.

Canning Club Members: None.

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MYRTLE SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Florrie Parrish, Tifton, Ga., Route No. A.

Location: Three and a quarter miles south to Bay; four and a half miles west to Chula.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in Trustees; fenced but otherwise unimproved; playgrounds small; no school gardens; two toilets in bad condition.

Building: Value $700.00; one class room; fairly lighted; no cloak rooms; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks; first-class blackboards; no maps; no charts; no globe; no reference dictionary; framed pictures; library of fifty volumes in case; flags.

Organization: School year seven months; six grades; enrollment 35; program posted; no organized society.

Canning Club Members: Lena Coleman, Lessie Belle Lokie.

CAMP CREEK SCHOOL.
(A Standard School)

Teachers: M. W. Gibbs, Miss Ruby Darby. Tifton, Ga., R. No. 4.

Location: Three and one-half miles northwest to Brighton; four miles north to Harding.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in Trustees; grounds fenced and well improved; ample playgrounds; school gardens; two toilets in good condition; school pig.

Building: Value $1800.00; two class rooms; insufficiently lighted; cloak rooms; painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; no maps; no charts; no globe; framed pictures; library of one hundred and fifty volumes in case; a reference dictionary; piano; flags.

Organization: School year seven months; seven grades; enrollment 110; programs posted; literary society organized.

Canning Club Members: Jessie Pittman, President; Nancy Hutchinson, Vice-President; Alma Bellflower, Secretary-Treasurer; Mattie Mae Arnold; Elon Brady, Mattie Mae Annis.

Poultry Club: Ira Hutchinson.
ELDORADO SCHOOL.
(Standard School)

Teachers: Miss Georgia Morton, Miss Etta Walker; Postoffice, Fender, Ga.

Location: Three miles north to Oak Ridge, four and one-half miles northwest to Fine View.

Grounds: Area, five and a quarter acres; titles in County Board; well fenced and partly improved; playground ample; good school garden; school pig; two toilets, absolutely sanitary, (Russell System).

Buildings: Value $3,000.00; two story building; two class rooms and reading room; well lighted; cloak rooms; building painted; floors oiled; in good condition and well kept. (The large class room used as community auditorium.)

Equipment: Single adjustable chair desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; good supply of geography and history maps; two charts; a globe; framed pictures; good library case and one hundred and fifty volumes; a reference dictionary; an organ; flags; sanitary bubbling fountain; pencil sharpeners.

Organization: Seven months school year; two teachers; eight grades; enrollment 119; programs posted; organized literary societies.

Canning Club Members: Lucile Tidd, President; Lona McTier, Vice-President; Eula Akins, Secretary-Treasurer; Mattie Pearl Shockley, Ola Carey, Eva Carey, Maud Yarbrough, Cora Lee Griffon, Clara Belle Rutland, Lois Gunter, Jewell Spurlock, William Spurlock, L. A. Carter.

FLETCHER SCHOOL.
(A Standard School)

Teachers: Miss Myrtle Dekle, Miss Ruth Sikes, Tifton, Rt. A.

Location: Two and one-half miles east to Fairview; three miles northwest to Pearman; two and one-half miles north to Chula.

Grounds: Area, two acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and otherwise well improved; playground ample; well kept; flower and vegetable gardens; two sanitary toilets (Russell System) inside building; school pig.

Building: Value $2,000.00; two class rooms; fairly well lighted; cloak rooms; floors oiled; painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; set of maps mounted; charts; globes; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of forty volumes in a case; half a dozen brooms kept in racks; rubber tipped blackboard pointers; pencil sharpeners; flags; covered water coolers and bubbling fountains; foot mats.

Organization: Seven months school year; two teachers; seven grades; enrollment 70; programs posted; literary societies organized.

Canning Club Members: Myrtice Findley, Louise Griffin, Naomi Bass, Katie Lou Bass, Vernon Parker.
FILYAH SCHOOL.
(A Standard School)

Teacher: Mrs. A. D. Mullis, Tifton, Ga., Route No. 6.

Location: Four miles northeast to Tifton; four miles west to Old Ty Ty.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in County Board; fenced and well improved; ample playgrounds; well kept school gardens with thirty-five hundred cabbage plants growing; two toilets in good condition; school pig.

Building: Value $900.00; one class room; well lighted; cloak rooms; floors oiled; building painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; set of maps mounted in case; no chart; a globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of twenty-five volumes in a case; flags; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Seven months school term; seven grades; enrollment 45; program posted; no organized societies.

Canning Club Members: Mary McClelland, President; Stella Smith, Vice-President; Jewell Bryan, Secretary-Treasurer; Charity McClelland, Lydya Bryan, Margurite Mullis, Evangeline Mullis, Irene Stephens.

HAT CREEK SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Guassie Glover, Chula, Ga.

Location: Four miles southwest to Chula; no other school near.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and unimproved; ample playgrounds; flower garden; two toilets, sanitary (Russell System).

Building: Value $900.00; one class room; well lighted; cloak rooms; floors oiled; stove well polished; building painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teacher's desk; first-class blackboard; no maps; no chart; no globe; no reference dictionary; framed pictures; library of twenty-five volumes in case; organ; covered cooler and individual drinking cups.

Organization: Seven months school year; one teacher; six grades; enrollment 34; program posted; literary society organized.

Canning Club Members: Mattie Sumner, President; Pearl Sumner, Vice-President; Bertha Lee Clayton, Secretary-Treasurer; Annie Lou Evans.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Annie Fulghum, Chula, Ga.

Location: Three miles north to Chula; three miles east to Bay; two and one-half miles west to Fletcher.

Grounds: Area, one and one-half acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and well kept; playgrounds ample; no school gardens; two toilets in good condition.

Building: Value $900.00; one class room; well lighted; cloak rooms; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teacher's desk; first-class blackboards; two maps; no chart; no globe; framed pictures; reference dictionary; library of thirty volumes in case; organ; graphonola; flags.

Organization: School year seven months; one teacher; seven grades; enrollment 27; program posted; no organized society.

Canning Club Members: Ella Arnett, Marvin Peavy, Alma Clegg.

CHULA SCHOOL.

Teachers: W. C. Dodson, Miss Reesie Freeman, Miss Clara Nunn, Miss Louise Buchanan.

Location: On G. S. & F. Railway; two and one-half miles southwest to Fletcher; three miles south to Fairview; three miles west to Pearman.

Grounds: Area, three acres; titles in County Board; grounds well fenced and set in pecan trees and hedges; playgrounds ample; school gardens; two toilets, condition bad.

Building: Value $2,000.00; four class rooms; insufficiently and improperly lighted; no cloak rooms; floors oiled; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first class blackboards; very few maps; no charts; a globe; framed pictures; library of one hundred and fifty volumes in sectional case; organ; flag; pencil sharpeners.

Organization: Seven months school year; four teachers; nine grades; enrollment 131; programs posted; literary societies organized; no community clubs.

Canning Club Members: Ruby Fletcher, Etta May Pope, Nora Lee, Aline Kinard.
ANSLEY SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss May Chatfield, Miss Jewell Crum, Tifton, Ga., R. F. D. No. 6

Location: Three and one-half miles southwest to Omega; three and one-half miles north to Old Ty Ty.

Grounds: Area, one acre; titles in Trustees; slightly improved; grounds fenced; small playgrounds; two toilets in fair condition.

Building: Value $1,600.00; two class rooms; fairly lighted; no cloak rooms; painted inside and outside; building good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers’ desks; first-class blackboards; set of maps mounted; charts; a globe; framed pictures; library of one hundred volumes in a good case; a reference dictionary; flag.

Organization: School year seven months; two teachers; six grades; enrollment 67; program posted; no organised club; no community clubs.

Canning Club Members: Bessie Denby, President; Forest Lindsey, Vice-President; Jewel Clifton, Secretary-Treasurer; Beckie Bennefield, Dora Hall, Myrtle Branch, Minnie Branch.

PEARMAN SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Wortlie Hardison, Tifton, Ga., Route No. 3.

Location: Three miles south-east to Fletcher; three miles east to Chula; four miles north to Red Oak.

Grounds: Area, two and a quarter acres; titles in County Board; fenced and otherwise well improved; ample playgrounds; well kept flower and vegetable gardens; two toilets in average condition.

Building: Value $900.00; one class room; well lighted; cloak rooms; floors oiled; painted; in good condition and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desk and teacher’s desk; first-class blackboards; three maps; no charts; no globes; framed pictures; library of one hundred and fifty volumes in case; no reference dictionary; stove well polished.

Organization: Seven months school year; one teacher; seven grades; enrollment 40; program posted; organised societies.

Canning Club Members: Emma Lou Nelson.
MIDWAY SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Mallie Lawrence, Miss Georgia Dearing, Postoffice, Tifton, Ga.

Location: Three miles east to Tifton; three miles west to Nipper.

Grounds: Area, two acres; titles in County Board; grounds fenced and improved; ample playgrounds; flower and vegetable gardens; two toilets, condition bad.

Building: Value $1,800.00; two class rooms; insufficiently lighted; cloak rooms; painted; in good repair and well kept.

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first-class blackboards; three maps; a chart; a small globe; framed pictures; a reference dictionary; library of one hundred volumes in case; flags.

Organization: School year seven months; seven grades; enrollment 82; programs posted; literary societies organized; Sewing Club and Manual Arts Club.

Canning Club Members: Essie Hutchinson, President; Evelyn Han-son, Vice-President; Maggie Sumner, Secretary-Treasurer; Eula Kate Ulum, Carrie Sumner, Vera Barnes, Glennie Hutchinson, Mary Hutchinson, Debbie King, Eula Daniels.

EMANUEL SCHOOL.

(A Standard School)

Teachers: L. L. O'Steen, Mrs. L. L. O'Steen, Tifton, Ga.

Location: In suburbs of Tifton, at Tifton Cotton Mills.

Grounds: Area, two acres; titles in County Board; unimproved but well cleaned up; ample playgrounds; school gardens; sanitary toilet inside building (Russell System); fenced.

Building: Value $2,500.00; three class rooms; perfectly lighted; cloak rooms; painted; in good repair and well kept. (An ideally planned building.)

Equipment: Single patent desks and teachers' desks; first class blackboards; full set maps in case; charts; a globe; no reference dictionary; framed pictures; very small library in sectional case; pencil sharpeners; sand tables; individual drinking cups; individual tooth brushes, (used regularly); flags.

Organization: Seven months school year; two teachers; six grades; enrollment 111; programs posted; no organized societies.

Canning Club Members: None.
TYPES OF NEGRO SCHOOLS.

There are provided fourteen schools for negroes in the county. The teachers of these schools are paid twenty-five and thirty dollars per month for five months, and practically all hold second and third grade licenses.

The negro school houses are generally rough, unceiled buildings, or churches, and practically without equipment of value. As a rule they are kept clean.

There is a supervising industrial teacher employed for the purpose of promoting useful industries in the schools.

NEGRO TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL.

ADJUSTABLE ROLLER WINDOW SHADE.

These shades can be arranged to let in the light at the top or bottom, or from the top and bottom at the same time. With the ordinary window shade the light comes in from the bottom only. Therefore, to prevent the sun from shining directly on the pupil it is necessary at certain hours during the day to let the shade down to the bottom and this makes the room too dark. Adjustable roller shades can be arranged to let the light in over the top when the sun is low, thereby preventing it from shining in the eyes of the pupils and teachers.
A jacketed stove in a rural school solves the problem of proper heating and ventilation, promotes the comfort and health of the pupils, and prevents many problems of disorder.

LETTER FROM STATE SUPERINTENDENT
M. L. BRITAIN

To the County Superintendent and Teachers:

Educational results and good teaching generally are not often secured in a shiftless-looking building in which neither patrons, pupils, nor teachers take any pride. Indefiniteness has been removed at this point through the standard school. In the larger towns and cities pressure of public sentiment and the comment of visitors will sooner or later force good educational conditions—and they are improving constantly. Rural communities need to be shown and inspired by educational leaders and we have sent diplomas to more than two hundred county schools where the superintendents have certified to the fact that they have measured up to the standard in every particular. There are a number of localities in the State where the feeling is that no community in the county is able to bring its school up to these very reasonable requirements. I cannot help but think that this is a mistaken view and that some standard schools could be secured in every county in Georgia and that these would serve to inspire the others to progress. Superintendents have written that the use of this efficiency test has developed more progress in the past 12 months than for years previous in the way of improvement. The plan is of no value, however, where it is not used or applied and I earnestly hope we will have the effort at least of every superintendent in the State to have his county represented on this roll of honor. The list will be published in the next Annual Report. The standard is not unreasonably high and no more than the Georgia parent has the right to expect. Copies should be posted in every county school room in the State and can be secured for this purpose at any time on application to the State Department of Education. To be entitled to a diploma a school should measure up to the standard in the following particulars:
I. The Teacher.
1. Good Teaching.
2. Good Order and Management.
3. First Grade Certificate.
4. Full, Neat, and Accurate School Register.
5. Daily Program Posted in Room.

II. Grounds.
1. Good Condition.
2. Playgrounds.
4. Two Separate Sanitary Closets.

III. Building.
1. Painted Outside.
2. Plastered, or Ceiled and Painted.
3. No Leaks.
5. Cloak Rooms.
7. Clean and Well-kept.

IV. Equipment.
2. At least 20 Lineal feet of Blackboard per Room.
4. Framed Pictures on the Wall.
5. Dictionary, Maps and Library.

V. Associated Activities.
1. Manual Arts, Corn, Canning, Pig, Poultry, or Cooking Club.

VI. Salary of Teacher.
At least $40 per month.

VII. Term.
At least seven months.