

To Parents of Loudoun County
School Children:

The white schools of Loudoun County will open on Monday,
September 10th at 9:00 A. M.

We spent for schools in this county last year the total
sum of \$145,000 besides outlays for property and payment of debts.
Of this sum \$115,000 was spent for instruction or teachers. About
these same amounts will be spent next year. Naturally every school
official and every taxpayer who supports the schools wants efficient
results. Especially do you, parents of the children, want efficient
results. We can not afford to be satisfied with our past achieve-
ment. Our best should be made better. But how?

Since last January the officials of the school system of
this county have been busy with preparations for the school year now
about to open. In selecting teachers and in providing for the sani-
tary and physical welfare of the schools they have done the best they
could with the funds available and the materials at hand. From the
10th of September on until the glad shouts of merry children announce
the end of another school year the kind of work that is done in our
schools will depend very largely upon the co-operation of parents and
teachers whose efforts center around the children.

The maximum or proper co-operation between parents and
teachers would easily increase by 10 per cent or say \$10,000 money
value the results of our ~~own~~ educational effort. To speak plainly,
the teachers and patrons of the schools of Loudoun County are failing
to become acquainted with each other. Imagine a parent letting his
or her child spend nine months under the care of a man or woman whom
he or she does not know at all. Yet every year instances hundreds of
such cases.

In the name of the children of this county, for their sakes
and our own consciences' sake I solemnly appeal to the teachers of
our schools and the parents of these children to get acquainted
early in the school term to the end that a friendly understanding may
result so that co-operation may reach its maximum efficiency and so
its maximum good.

Our community leagues could help wonderfully here by arrang-
ing socials early in the school year for this purpose. Parents are
invited here and now to call on the teachers and teachers to call on
the parents. There does not exist any rule of etiquette ~~involving~~
deciding who shall call first. This is a part of the great business
of developing our new democracy. In the mere matter of getting ac-
quainted with each other social lines must be discarded. Any teach-
er anywhere who would feel ashamed to discuss the welfare of her
pupils on the street, in the store, along the road or at her boarding
place with their parents if ever so humble would not be worthy of the
great work in which she is engaged.

The satisfaction that will come to teachers and parents from
this acquaintance will be ample compensation for any effort required.

Let us adopt for the school year about to begin the slogan:

Every parent acquainted with the teacher and every teacher
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