

Some Random Facts About Our Schools

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The organization for the management of the public school system of Loudoun County comes into being as follows:

The voters elect members of the State House of Delegates and Senate. These bodies jointly elect a judge of the circuit court, this judge appoints three members of a School Trustee Electoral Board who have no other duties except to appoint seven members of the County School Board every four years and to fill vacancies, the county school board appoints a division superintendent, and on recommendation of the superintendent appoints its clerk and all teachers.

Our school system employed in 1931-32 a total of 153 teachers, distributed as follows: 94 in white elementary schools, 31 in white high schools, 28 in colored schools. These teachers were housed in 73 school buildings. The county owns 67 of these, rents 3 and borrows 3. The value of buildings, equipment and grounds is \$402,000.00. This is about \$100 for each child enrolled. Instruction <sup>costs</sup> amount <sup>ed</sup> to \$131,048.21. This ~~was~~ about \$30.00 per child enrolled. Total operation costs were about \$40.00 per child.

<sup>Pave trash</sup> There were 966 children absent (average) every day schools were open. There was ample provision for these children in every way. What an enormous loss! What caused these absences? Illness, poverty, weather, and "don't care". In 1919-20 there were 1821 children absent each day. ~~Here~~ There is progress and hope, at least.

In 1921-22 40 teachers had had no experience and 29 had taught only one year. In our year just closed 7 teachers were beginners and 5 had taught only one year. This is about a normal number of new teachers. The schools should make better progress with a smaller number of beginners <sup>129 teachers</sup> being inducted into the system each year.

The minimum qualifications for teachers have been greatly raised in the last decade. At this time all new teachers of elementary grades must complete two years of teachers college work and all high school teachers must complete four years of college work.

We enrolled 4340 pupils last year. Of these 1270 either failed in their work or dropped out of school. Of course, so long as 966 of them stay out of school each day we can expect these, or a like number to fail. We can find some encouragement in the fact that in 1919-20, which is the first year for which comparable figures were kept, 2188 either failed or were dropped. Still these 1270 failures or losses as well as the 966 daily absentees are a mighty challenge to all connected with the schools of this county.

The largest school building is at Leesburg. It has twelve rooms, auditorium, and four underground rooms available for laboratory, home economics, lunch rooms, etc. <sup>Paraphrase</sup> The oldest deed for school property in the county is that at Ryan. Deed to this property was made in 1849 to certain trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church residing within seven miles of Ryan for use for church, school and a graveyard.

The largest school lot contains 10 acres and is used by Lincoln High School.

The greatest area served by any school for elementary pupils is about 34 square miles at Ashburn.

The longest service ~~xxxxxx~~ of any teacher now employed is that of Mr. John S. Simpson who has taught school 50 years.

The longest tenure of any superintendent was that of Mr. L. M. Shumate who served 24 years.

Mr. Abner Cockerill headed the list among those of long service on the school boards with a total of thirty years. Dr. C. E. Brown came second with 25 years. The longest service of the present imcom-

bents is that of Mr. Wm. T. Smith who complete<sup>d</sup> his fifteenth year last March.

The best attendance record coming to our attention is that of Tom Claggett, son of Dr. J. E. Claggett, of Hamilton, Virginia who has attended ~~xxxxxx~~ Hamilton school seven years and Lincoln high school three years without being absent a single day from school.

The following is a list of teachers who have taught in Loudoun ten years or more and who are still employed.

Mrs* Blance Anderson	Mrs* Tillie D. Monroe
Mrs* Edith Beavers	Mrs. Mary E. Mundy
Mrs. Urcell Bradfield	Miss Laura Potterfield
Mrs Irva Cloud	Mrs* Helen Rodrick
Mrs* Margaret G. Cockerill	Miss Minnie Russell
Miss Alice Cooper	Mr. John S. Simpson
Miss Gaylord Gibson	Mrs. Mary J. Simpson
Miss Bertha Gruver	Miss E. Maude Smith
Miss Eliza D. Lunceford	Miss Mary Trainham
Miss Mamie Lyon	Miss Minnie B. Trussell
Mr. Chas. S. <del>M</del> onree	Miss Constance Welsh

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