

6. As to the selection of Supervisors, a person is worthy of his hire; a Supervisor works for nothing, and, in most cases, he is overpaid. I would recommend paid Supervisors and a penalty for neglect of duty.
7. I favor a higher tax rate for school purposes in order to secure a longer term of schools than four or five months.
8. I think nothing would improve our schools as much as to have them commence January 1st, and close December 31st, because our taxes would then be collected in time to meet the requirements of our school year. As it is, our teachers have to wait, until about the close of the school year for their salaries taught at the opening of the school year. I know by the change I suggest, the school interests of Clay county would be greatly benefited, and no county in the State would suffer by the change.

Gratification at Progress.--I have herewith in a brief way given the information desired. Since you have given me the opportunity I cannot refrain from expressing, in some feeling of pride, gratification at the progress of matters concerning education in Clay county. Older views are being swept away and newer and more improved and enlightened ones taking their places, the improvement in teachers and the success they have acquired is marked and progressive. This is due in a great measure to the Uniform System of Examinations adopted by our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Wm. N. Sheats.

W. W. SHEDD,
Superintendent of Schools, Clay county, Florida.

DADE COUNTY

Hon. Wm. N. Sheats, State Superintendent Public Instruction, Tallahassee, Fla.:

Dear Sir--I respectfully submit the following report: Our schools are in a very satisfactory condition at present, and promise well for the future.

I have just returned from a tour of inspection, and from personal observation can report progress from the "State of Dade."

The working condition of our schools is apparently better, and less friction has been observed than at any time during their existence. Our plan of development has been briefly marked by the procuring of equipment.

Houses and Furniture.--New school houses have been built and furnished with patent desks, globes, charts, dictionaries, etc.

Course of Study.--A uniform course of study and a set of rules and regulations have been adopted for the government of teachers and pupils, and good teachers have been employed to teach our schools.

Character of Teachers.--Our teachers are enthusiastic in their work, and since they all hold certificates granted under the Uniform Examinations of this State, it is needless to add that they are thoroughly equipped for the rendering of good service. Nearly all subscribe for one or more educational journals, and thus keep in touch with the most modern ideas and systems of pedagogy.