

is no idle boast to say this school is one of the very best of its kind, and is a great factor in building up an educational interest on the part of the people of our county.

What Proud of.--Upon the whole, in conclusion, we beg to say that we are proud of our schools, our school law as it relates to examinations and our State school administrative officer. We feel that our State and county are fortunate in having good schools and in sufficient numbers to enable every child to attend school four months each year.

Respectfully,

B. F. UMSTEAD,

County Superintendent.

WAKULLA COUNTY

Hon. W. N. Sheats, State Superintendent, Tallahassee, Fla.:

My Dear Sir--I beg leave to submit the following report:

Improvement the Order.--I am glad to report a remarkable improvement in the condition of public schools of Wakulla county this year. Our teachers are settling down to teaching as a profession. Our county is out of debt. We have placed our finances on a sound basis, and pay as we go. Our school houses, furnishings and equipments are not what they ought to be, and we have turned our attention to bettering them by furnishing lots and building good and comfortable houses on them.

Dissension Among Patrons.--I note as a bad feature dissension among patrons as to teachers and location of school buildings, that I think could be mitigated by firmness on the part of School Boards.

We have a very good teaching force at present. Attendance about as good as usual.

I am advocating the necessity of good school buildings, equipped with better furniture and apparatus than we have at present.

Why He Works for a High School.--I am also working for a High School to be established in our county, where advanced pupils may be trained for the purpose of teaching.

I would be pleased to have a full corps of teachers in our county. Teachers who would live in our midst, educated in the county, and who would take an interest in elevating the educational status of Wakulla county.

Satisfied With School Law.--I see no necessity for further legislation, I think that the present school law, as it is, is the best I have ever seen, and I don't see how it could be bettered. We as a people are satisfied with the present school law. Though some are inclined to grumble because some pet have failed in examination, but it does not amount to much. I favor uniform examinations, because it is the best way to uniformly elevate the standard of teaching.

If County Superintendents had to get out questions for examinations as formerly, some would be done, some half done, some not done at all, hence would never get out of old ruts.

Most Respectfully,

S. M. REVELL,

County Superintendent.