

at the outlook for the future, and regret that we cannot do better and more than we are doing.

I believe that a majority of our people are willing to an increase of taxes in order have longer and better schools, and if so, the law should allow them to have them. I also believe our people are largely in favor of Compulsory Education with just limitations.

Our people are satisfied that your administration is rapidly advancing the educational interests in Florida.

We are highly pleased with the progress of the Myers High Schools, under the wise and energetic management of Prof. E. W. Barrington, a report of which by the Supervisor will accompany this.

Some Suggestions

1st. Let the law requiring Uniform Examinations alone. It is a good law, and if changed, I fear it will be for the worse and not for the better.

2nd. Let Third Grade certificates be good for only one year, and not re-issuable. A teacher that cannot or will not advance fifteen percent. in one year, is not the teacher that Florida needs.

3rd. I am opposed to a state Grading Committee. We have no use for it. Carry out the law as it is, and we are doing well. Those who claim that the county Grading Committee palms off frauds on other counties should expose such counties, and their Grading Committees should also be exposed and sent home to stay.

4th. The law regulating Text Books should remain as it is. I am bitterly opposed to State Uniform Text Books. It is undemocratic, smacks of paternalism, and for many other reasons I am opposed to it.

5th. We need more money for educational purposes, and the law should be so amended as to allow our people to pay at least as much as they wish to educate their children.

Wishing the cause greater success throughout the State, I have the honor to be,

W. W. BOSTICK,
County Superintendent.

LEON COUNTY

In accordance with your request, the following brief report on school matters in Leon county is submitted.

We are now operating 77 schools, which include the two Academies in Tallahassee, one for colored and one for white youth, with an enrollment of 460 pupils in the colored academy and 162 in the white one.

Term.--The Academies are high grade schools, and each year a term of 8 months is granted to them, respectively. The rural schools have from 5 to 6 months.