

There are some changes in the law necessary before the sub-district plan will work satisfactorily in my county. In some localities, however, there is much interest shown by a few.

Change in the Examination Law.--The law requiring uniform examinations is carried out to the letter. Much good has come from such a law. In fact, it has been the means of bringing about better teachers, better results, and better everything pertaining to the educational development of the State. It put teachers to thinking and to working, not only upon the mere acquiring of knowledge, but how to present it according to the most improved methods. But in my opinion it has reached its claimax. (sic).

Remedy:--Take the examinations out of the hands of the Superintendents--create a new way of grading. Have examinations largely oral.

Visits.--For the past four years I have visited the schools of the county nearly once each month. This, of course, did much good, but I doubt if this is the best plan. My office work has not been kept up as well as I like, owing to the fact I was on the road nearly all the time, to the detriment of something else.

Salary of County Superintendents Fixed by State Superintendent.--At present the School Boards fix the salary of the County Superintendent. Change the law, placing this in hands of the State Superintendent, who is in a position to know the value of the services and work done. Many Boards composed of good, honest, citizens, who want to do right by everyone, but fail to know much of the value of services rendered along such lines.

To reduce salaries of County Superintendents and teachers is poor economy.

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SUWANNEE COUNTY

No new school buildings erected or others repaired; except in a few instances a community would relinquish school term and use the money apportioned in the erection of a school building, and in a few instances a part of term was so relinquished and buildings repaired.

Some good school buildings in the county, some poor. The average is not up to what is needed, and in furniture and appliances much below what the best interest required. Cause--lack of funds.

The financial condition of the County School Fund is much better than left by the former administration. An indebtedness of about \$3,000 has been paid off, leaving a small cash balance to bring over to the present scholastic year.

Our school warrants are not paid promptly in cash. Cause--about half of our schools are taught in the summer and the taxes are not paid until February and April following, hence these warrants are discounted at about five per cent. Remedy--stop the schools one year and allow the school fund to accumulate, or so change the tax and school year--one or both--so that they shall begin at same date.

It makes but little difference whether the County Commissioners or County School