

BETTER COUNTY SCHOOL HOUSES IS GREAT NEED

Prof. C. B. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools, Urges Better County Schools.

There are 99 school houses in Du Page County including 68 one and 2 room rural schools, 22 city graded schools and 9 high schools. This necessitates a force of 277 teachers, of which 30 are men and 247 are women. The total number of scholars attending school during the year 1917-1918 was 6,759.

Of the 68 rural schools, one has the standard diploma, 8 will receive it as soon as the State Department makes an inspection, 30 approach the standard requirement, more or less, while the remainder must be completely rebuilt or thoroughly remodeled.

During the war little if any improvement could be made on account of government rulings against the use of materials and labor. Now that these restrictions are removed the Sanitation Law comes again into full force.

We have orders from the State authorities to carry out the provisions of law even to the extent of withholding the distributive fund or closing the school if necessary. We do not anticipate the use of such extreme measures. Indeed we have reason to believe that there will be shortly much activity in school house remodeling and building.

At present we are checking up the rural schools with the requirements of the law and are presenting the data to the directors as early as possible.

Since this requires much time, and we may not get to your district for several weeks, we would suggest that if you send in a request, we will pass on your school at once.

The specifications for Sanitary rooms are comprised under seven heads as follows: Heating, Lighting, Seating, Ventilation, Water Supply, Toilets, and Safety against Fire.

DuPage County has the wealth and intelligence for the best schools in the State. Jackson County, away down in "Egypt," as Southern Illinois is sometimes called, last year erected more new school houses than any other county in the State, and now has 80 standard schools.

It is gratifying to learn from many people of our county that they share with us our hopes and purposes for the schools of our county. The program before us is a big one. May be one, two or three years, but it is coming.

Shall not the boy and girl in the country have as good opportunity for an education as the boy or girl in the town? Certainly! Why not? They are just as good in every way. Give them a chance. Let every school director think of the boy and girl and his responsibility toward them.

When the directors make their annual levy they would do well to provide for any changes in the school house as required by the law. This levy need not be reported to the township treasurer before August 1st.

C. B. Bowman,
County Superintendent of Schools.

Owl's Digestive Apparatus.

Owls have a peculiar method of eating. They eat everything they want, whenever they find it, and swallow the "whole works"—whole. The idea would be the same if you sat down to dinner and consumed the beefsteak, plates, napkins, tablecloth, knives, forks and spoons. After the owl has had this conglomeration in his department of the interior for some time, and it has been digested for all the nutrition there is in it, his organisms inside permit him to drop the refuse out through his mouth in the form of a hard, round pellet.—Omaha World-Herald.

Distinguished by Wig.

Thus James Stewart in his inimitable "Plococosmos, or the Whole Art of Hairdressing," first published in London in 1782, tells how the wig gradually came to "declare the man." He speaks of "the huge tie peruke of the man of law," of the "long bob or natty scratch" of the tradesman and the "hunting peruke of the country gentleman," while "the merchant men of business and of letters were distinguished by the grave, full bottom, or more moderate tie neatly curled."

City of Antiquity.

Founded before famous cities which flourished many centuries ago and which have long since ceased to exist, such as Babylon and Nineveh, Tyre and Sidon and Sodom and Gomorrah, and older than any of the cities of its region or of Persia, Egypt, Greece, India and the Mongolian nations, Damascus undoubtedly is the oldest city in the world. The founding of Damascus is valued by the base of the remotest antiquity, but investigators of the subject have declared that Shem, eldest son of Noah, was the founder.

"WITH THE COLORS" From Du Page County

You probably know personally at least 150 boys from Downers Grove and Du Page County who donned the uniform of the army, the navy or the marine corps, for service with Uncle Sam during the World War.

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