

Report of School Attendance Work Done by the Board of
Charities and Public Welfare During Month of February,
1931 - County of Durham, N. C.

WHITE SCHOOLS.Bethesda

2-27-31 Call at school. Interview Mr. Farrar. The following children were reported absent this week. Grover Thompson, Della Bradley Mr. Farrar reported that Lawrence Carpenter and Marlon Copley left school one afternoon this week without permission and did not return until next morning. Both boys were called out and talked to and they promised not to do this again. They were told that if they did some action would be taken in the matter.

Call at home of Mr. Bilton Bradley. Interview Mrs. Bradley re Della. Mrs. Bradley stated that they sent Della home about two weeks ago with lice on her head and she had not gotten her rid of them yet but thought she would be ready to send back Monday March 2nd. Mrs. Bradley also stated that they were not able to pay their book rent. She was instructed to have Mr. Bradley to come to the office and free book rent would be recommended for them.

Letter written to Mr. J. G. Thompson re Grover instructing him to get the boy back in school at once or the case would be taken into court.

Bragtown

2-19-31 Mr. Ashe reported that the Ellsworth children were absent this week.

2-20-31 Call at home of Mr. E. E. Ellsworth. Interview Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth who stated that the children had all been sick this week but were up now and would be back in school next week if nothing else happened. Mr. Ellsworth was instructed to come to the office and he would be given an old pair of pants for George as he did not have sufficient clothing to attend.

2-24-31 Call at school. Interview Mr. Ashe. Ellsworth children were reported back in school this week. Attendance very good. No violations to report.

Glenn.

2-3-31 Call at school to see Hugh Addison re some trouble while he was visiting in Durham. Interview Mrs. Parker. Attendance reported very poor. but all absences are due to sickness.

Hillandale

2-17-31 Call at school. Interview Mrs. Riley who reported that Maxton Kimball was absent today and that she had taken his books away from him yesterday on account of the book rent not having been paid, and she was of the opinion that was the reason he was absent. No other violations reported.

Call at home of Mr. W. M. Kimball. Interview Mrs. Kimball who stated that Maxton was not feeling well this morning but she thought he would be back in school tomorrow and she would also send the money for book rent. Mr. Kimball stated she was going down to the school this afternoon to see Mrs. Riley

2-24-31 Call at school. Interview Mrs. Riley. Attendance reported very good. No violations reported.

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WHITE SCHOOLS CONTINUED.Holt.

- 2-10-31 Mrs. McDevitt called at office and reported that the Glosson children were absent again this week.
- 2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Mrs. McDevitt who reported that Willie Glosson was back in school today and stated that W.D.Jr. was sick and Mr. Glosson had not been able to get shoes for Gertrude. Mrs. McDevitt was instructed to tell W. to tell his father that if he would come to the office we would give him a pair of shoes for Gertrude.
- 2-14-31 Mr. W. D. Glosson called at office and was given a pair of shoes for Gertrude as he was unable to get shoes so that she might attend school. Mr. Glosson was instructed to get all the children in school Monday.
- 2-20-31 Mrs. McDevitt called and stated that Pauline and Ruby Burch were absent from school the past two days and asked that notice be mailed to the father Mr. John Burch today re same. Notice mailed this date.

Hope Valley

- 2-2-31 Mr. McRae called and reported that the Spaulding children were back in school.
- 2-14-31 Clifton Blalock and Charles Howell were reported for irregular attendance and notice was mailed to parents this date re same.

Lowe's Grove.

- 2-3-31 Call at school. Interview Mr. Pendergrass re boys who had been throwing stones at colored children on way to school. Otis, George and Leon Cook and Claiborn Upchurch were called in office after Truck Driver stated that they were the ones that had been throwing at the colored children. Boys were all given talking and informed that if anything more was reported about this that they would be brought into court. No violations reported.
- 2-23-31 The following children were reported absent this past week and notices mailed to parents this date. Woodrow Jackson, James Stevens.

Mangum Township High

- 2-6-31 The following children were reported absent from one to five days each the past week and notices were mailed to the parents this date re same. Thelbert Williams, Virginia Wilson, Pervis Jacobs, Millie Garrett, Mabel Franklin, Eulis Duke, Clarence and Roy Tille, Nellie Roberts, McDonald Crabtree, Estelle Hester and Arthur Teasdale.
- 2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Mr. Cherry. All children reported absent 2-6-31 were reported back in school except Millie Garrett and Mabel Franklin. The following children were reported for irregular attendance and notices were mailed to parents this date re same. Sallie Anne Mangum. Ruby Wilkins, Philipp and Virginia Duncan, Pervis D. Edward Roberts, Minnie Ellis, Lorene Ellis, Thelbert Williams, Annie Lou Weaver, Annie Myrtle Franklin was reported absent since Christmas.
- Call at home of Mr. Henry Franklin. Interview M and Mrs. Franklin re Annie Myrtle. Mr. Franklin stated that he had been sick for about two months and Mrs. Franklin had not been able to get up and get the child ready to attend school after being up so much at night with him. Mrs. Franklin also stated that she was afraid for the child to attend school as she might catch some

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Mangum Township Continued.

2-11-31 disease. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were told that if this child was kept out of school longer they would have to get a certificate from the doctor stating that she was not able to attend school. Mrs. Franklin then stated that they would send her back Monday February 16th.

2-24-31 Call at home of Mr. Isaac Aiken. Interview Mrs. Aiken re Woodrow not having entered school. Mrs. Aiken stated that Mr. Aiken did not have the money to pay the book rent and he had to have some clothing before he could enter. Mrs. Aiken was instructed to tell Mr. Aiken that Woodrow must enter school not later than Monday March 2nd and if he was not able to pay the book rent that it would be paid by the Attendance Officer personally and if he failed to send the child to school that the case would go to court at once.

Oak Grove

2-9-31 Helen O'Briant was reported absent five days last week. Broncho Holder 3 days and Duma Rigsbee 2 days.

2-12-31 Call at school. Interview Mr. Neal, also three other teachers. All children reported absent 2/9/31 were back in school except Helen O'Briant. No other violations reported. Attendance O.K.

Call at home of Mr. Sam O'Briant. Interview Mrs. O'Briant re Helen being absent from school. Mrs. O'Briant stated that she was in the hospital last week and did not know that Helen was not in school as she told her to attend and that she was keeping her out this week to look after her as there was no one else to do it. Mrs. O'Briant was instructed to get Helen back in school at once and if one of the children had to stay at home to look after her she would have to keep Thurlo who was over 14 years of age. Mrs. O'Briant was given notice that if Helen and Samuel did not attend school regular in the future that Mr. O'Briant would have to be brought into court.

2-14-31 The following children were reported absent the past week and notice was mailed to parents this date re same. Helen O'Briant 5 days, Duma Rigsbee 5 days, David Carpenter 3 days, Charlie Carpenter 2 days. No notice was mailed in the O'Briant case as they had been given notice to get child in school or come to court.

ROUCEMONT

2-7-31 Miss Chandler reported that Mr. Robert Blalock's children had not entered school. The following children were reported for irregular attendance and notices were mailed to parents this date re same. Ruth, L. C. and Adron Bradsher, Roy Aiken, Roderic Tilley, W.D. Aiken.

2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Miss Chandler, also three other teachers. Miss Chandler reported that all children reported absent last week and were back except those that were sick but asked that a visit be made to the home of Mr. Isaac Aiken. Mr. Robert Blalock, Mr. Leon Bradsher and see if they could not keep children in more regularly. Floyd Jordon and Simon Crabtree were reported absent. Also Rony Crabtree

Call at home of Mr. Robert Blalock. Interview Mr. Blalock re children attending so irregularly. Mr. Blalock stated that they were demanding the book rent and he did not have it. Mr. Blalock was instructed to keep the children in school and come to the office and he would be given free book rent for the balance of the school term. Mr. Blalock stated that Velma was sick and would be back in school as soon as she was able and they would both attend regularly from now on.

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WHITE SCHOOLS CONTINUED.

Rougemont - Continued.

2-11-31 Call at home of Mr. W. H. Aiken. In terview Mr. Aiken re children attending schoold so irregular. Mr. Aiken stated that he had to feed his children and he would keep them out when he needed them and no one was going to stop him. He stated that he did not keep them out only when he had to have them and he did not care anything about the law. Mr. Aiken was assured that the Attendance Officer would not bother him with another visit but would issue a warrant the next time and send a deputy sheriff.

Call at home of Mr. Isaac Aiken. Interview Mrs. Aiken re Roy's irregular attendance. Mrs. Aiken stated that she had been sick for sometime and that it was necessary for her to keep Roy out last week for two or three days. It was learned that Woodrow was supposed to be attending at M.T. Hight School as he had finished at Rougemont, but he was absent and had not attended since before Christmas. Mrs. Aiken was informed that Woodrow must get back in school at once or Mr. Aiken would be taken into court.

Call at home of Mr. Garland Jordon. Interview Mr. Gordon re Floyd being absent from school. Mr. Jordon stated that Floyd had been sick in bed and would be back in school as soon as possible.

Call at home of Mr. Bob Crabtree re Simon and Renie being absent. Mr. Crabtree also stated that they were sick and they were also more than two and one half miles from school. However, Mr. Crabtree stated that he was very anxious to have his children attend school and they would be back as soon as possible.

COLORED SCHOOLS.

Bahama Colored Schools.

2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Principal. Attendance reported very good. No violations reported.

2-16-31 Barbee's Chapel

Eric Brewer and Alonzo Numa were reported absent the past week and notice was mailed to parents re same this date.

Chandler.

2-12-31 Call at school. Interview Principal. Attendance reported O.K. No violations reported.

Hampton

2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Principal. Attendance reported very good. No violations reported.

2-24-31 Call at school. Interview principal. Attendance reported O.K. No violations reported.

Lillian

2-12-31 Call at school. Interview Principal. Also other teacher. Attendance reported very good. No violations reported.

Mill Grove

2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Principal. Attendance reported O.K. No violations reported.

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Pearsontown.

2-2-31 Prof. Avant called at office and reported that someone had broken into the school Friday night Jan. 30th. He also reported that the Cook boy and probably others had been throwing rocks at a family of Hedgepeth children living on the Fayetteville Road and that the children had changed and were going to Union School on account of this.

2-3-31 Call at home of Hedgepeth children, Interview Aunt who stated that the children were going to Union school as they were afraid of getting hurt by the white boys that had been throwing stones at them on the way to school. The aunt was asked to have the grandfather send them back to Pearsontown for the rest of this term as they might get along better than they would to change. Also they were assured that they would not be bothered by the white boys again. It was learned later from the Principal of Union School that she was taking the children in the car with her to and from school and they did not have to walk at all.

Call at school. Interview Prof. Avant who stated that he suspected James Catlett, Walter McClain and Ernest Barbee were the ones who broke in the school. He stated that there was some writing on the board that he felt sure was done by Walter McClain. Walter and James were picked up and held for investigation but Ernest could not be located. James was held all day and Walter was held over night. Both were released as they could not be connected with the breakin. Both boys were instructed to stay off the school grounds after school hours and if they were seen there again they would be arrested for trespassing.

2-16-31 The following children were reported absent the past week: Sandy McClain, three days, Willie Carrington five days, Minnie McClain 4 days, Ollie King 5 days and Videll Ware 5 days.

Call at school. Interview Prof. Avant. Prof. Avant reported that Sandy McClain was back in school and Minnie was sick. None of the others reported absent had returned. Max Beatty was reported absent one day this week. No other violations reported.

Call at home of Vidells Ware. Interview W. who stated that she had no shoes to wear last week but has shoes now and will be in tomorrow.

Call at home of Max Beatty. Interview Mother who stated that she kept Max out one day this week to take some medicine and that she did not know of him being absent but one day before that. The mother was informed that Max had been playing hooky and that she would have to check up on him every day to see that he did not do this again. Mother stated that she would keep right in behind him and see that he attended regularly in the future.

Willie Carrington could not be found. Notice was mailed to parents of Ollie King who live on R.F.D. #3.

Peakville.

2-6-31 Earlie Laws was reported absent the past week and notice was mailed to the father Dad Laws this date.

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Rougemont.

- 2-6-31 The following children were reported absent the past week and notices mailed to parents this date. Laura and Joe Victor Carrington. Marjorie Parrish, Calvin Kenyon.
- 2-11-31 Call at school. Interview Principal, also two other teachers. No violations reported for attendance. Eddie Melvin and Bowling Harris were reported for fighting and giving trouble in school. Both boys were given talking and were informed that if they gave further trouble that they would be taken into Juvenile Court. J. C. complaints were left against each of the boys.
- 2-14-31 The following children were reported absent the past week and/was notice sent to parents 2-16-31 are same. Nathaniel Harris, Calvin Kenyon, St. Stroud Keynon, Louise and Katherine Cates and Fred Harris.
- 2-24-31 Call at school in answer to a call regarding a fight. Interview Principal who reported that Bolding Kenyon had cut Nathaniel Harris on the school grounds during the morning recess. After looking into the case it was learned that some of the officers had already been out and arrested Stroud Kenoyon a brother of Bolding who was connected with the fight, and Bolding had skipped out. Bolding father stated that he would bring Bolding in as soon as he came back hom. Later in the afternoon Bolding was brought up and after investigating the case Bolding was held and Stroudn was turned over to his father.
- 2-27-31 Call at home of Nathaniel Harris. Interview boy, also mother. Boy was getting along very nicely but mother stated that he would not be able to attend trial Saturday.
- 2-27-31 Call at Carver's Store. Interview Obe Kenyon father of Bolding. Also Will Harris, father of Nathaniel. Kenyon and Harris were instructed to make some satisfactory arrangements about the Dr. bill and the boy might be released on bond of \$50.00 and the case sent for Saturday March 14th at 9:30 A.M.

Stagsville

- 2-24-31 Call at school. Interview Principal. Attendance reported very good. No violations reported.

Sylvan.

- 2-11-31 Call at school. Interview principal. Also other teacher. Attendance reported very good. No violations reported.

Union.

- 2-6-31 John Hill was reported absent the past week and notice was mailed to his mother, Mamie Thomason this date.
- 2-4-31 Call at school by Nannie Allen. No violations reported.
- 2-24-31 Call at school. Interview Principal, also other teacher. Principal reported that George and Lide Evans were absent from school. In fact they had not entered since moving into the district. An older brother was in school and was told to notify his father Robert Evans that if the children were not in school within three days that he would be brought into court.

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TOTALS FOR WHITE AND COLORED SCHOOLS.

Number visits to schools - - - - -	26
Number visits <u>visits to homes</u> - - - - -	14
Number notices sent - - - - -	36
Verbal reports by teachers - - - - -	38
Written reports by teachers - - - - -	55
Number children reported out - - - - -	81
Number children given clothing by Dept. (County) - - - - -	15
Number children recommended for free book rent - - - - -	52
Number miles traveled in school attendance work - - - - -	350

Respectfully submitted,

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