

Okemos Consolidated School Success Approved Under Smith-Hughes Law

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OKEMOS, Sept. 28.—Meridian Consolidated school, district No. 2, has a total enrollment of 230 this year, with a teaching force of nine. The enrollment in the primary room, alone, is 60, while the third and fifth grades have more than 50. In order to obtain the best results, it has been found necessary to divide these rooms and engage another teacher.

Five busses, under the direction of Dennis Benjamin, are operating daily. In spite of bad roads and detours, during the last year and the first month of this year, not a bus has been late for school, and no child has been injured through riding in the bus, although at times, they have been very crowded.

All pupils, living within a mile radius, walk, except in stormy weather, when they too, make use of the transportation system.

Serve Hot Lunches

Hot lunches are served to an average of 85 daily. It has been proven that a hot lunch will increase a child's efficiency in school, and some pupils bring part of their lunch and buy one or two hot dishes. Meal tickets are sold at a reasonable figure. A complete meal may be obtained from 14 to 20 cents. Everything is served cafeteria style, and each pupil returns his dirty dishes to the kitchen. The system works smoothly and satisfactory and well-balanced meals are furnished.

Get Government Money

The school has been approved under the Smith-Hughes law, which allows \$1,000 per year from the government. This law requires the following: 100 must be spent on agricultural equipment, an agricultural teacher must be employed 12 months of the year, this teacher must be approved by the State Vocational board, at least 14 boys must complete summer projects, and a 4-year course of agriculture must be given. The school is also on the University of Michigan list, and beginning next week, will become a part of the training department of the Michigan Agricultural college.

The personnel of the staff, directly responsible for the management of this school, is as follows:

Superintendent, G. C. White; principal, Marion Miller; English, Helen Emery; history, Elizabeth Harding; home economics, Margaret Tower; supervisor of hot

lunches, Ethelyn White; fourth and sixth grades, Ethelyn Straight; third and fifth grades, Emma Neibling; first and second grades, Inez Porter; janitor, Edward Herre; bus drivers, Dennis Benjamin, Vern Miles, Clyde Brown, Dr. L. L. Kelley and William Neibling.

Have Modern Equipment

This school is housed in a modern building of fireproof construction, costing approximately \$90,000. Besides the regular assembly rooms, there are domestic science and domestic art rooms, an agriculture room, a science laboratory, a manual training room, shower rooms for both boys and girls, and a large gymnasium, which is also used as an auditorium. A large garage houses the five busses, which the school district owns.

The buildings stand upon six acres of ground. A ball diamond, a tennis court and various playground equipment, add to the enjoyment of the pupils and also to their physical development.

Eaton Stock Judges Awarded First Place

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CHARLOTTE, Sept. 28.—That the stock judging team of the Charlotte high school had won first place in the state judging contest held in connection with the West Michigan fair at Grand Rapids last week, is the news received this week by J. G. Putnam, the new instructor in agriculture in the Charlotte schools. Putnam accompanied the stock judging team, Lynn Griffin, Paul Clemons, and Carrol Kline, to Grand Rapids. The boys led their nearest competitor by 134 points.

There were 26 high schools competing. For individual scoring Griffin was the highest of anyone in the state, and Clemons was second. The three boys are seniors in the high school this year, having taken three years of agriculture under Harold Thayer, former instructor in this branch. By their victory in stock judging they have won a trip to the National Stock show at Chicago, to which they will be accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Putnam. The stock the boys judged at Grand Rapids were Holstein aged cows, two-year-old Southdown ewes and Hereford fat steers.