Colonel Midnight Finds Many Teachers Anxious To Improve Themselves

400 ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT PRAIRIE VIEW

Comes Across More Watermelons Than He Has Ever Seen Before

Prairie View Texas, - Education must be a good thing because I find so many people trying to get it, and the more I see them trying, the more inclined I am at my age to stop everything and go to school and see if it is possible for me to get anything into my head.

This summer I have been seeing people get education in the summer, and I tell you right in the hot weather they are studying. People are in Chicago from all parts of the country trying to get the much needed education. Professors and teachers are there taking on more so as to be able to teach more. They declare that in order to be able to teach they must expand the mind.

A few weeks ago, I went to Charleston, W. Va., and from there out to Institute, where I looked into a summer school and have told you all about it, and the number of students who were attending this school, but I hardly left there before I began to look into other schools. I stopped at Louisville, went to the summer school in Cincinnati, if you will remember, noticed some few things there, and then I turned my attention to Birmingham but did not find any summer school there. Next found cent of money put in his hand HISTORY OF NEGRO me in this place, but before get- would be accounted for. ting here I went to Meridian, I want to tell you that Prof. Laure, Jackson, Miss. At Jackson Blackshear is blessed with a good! found a summer school.

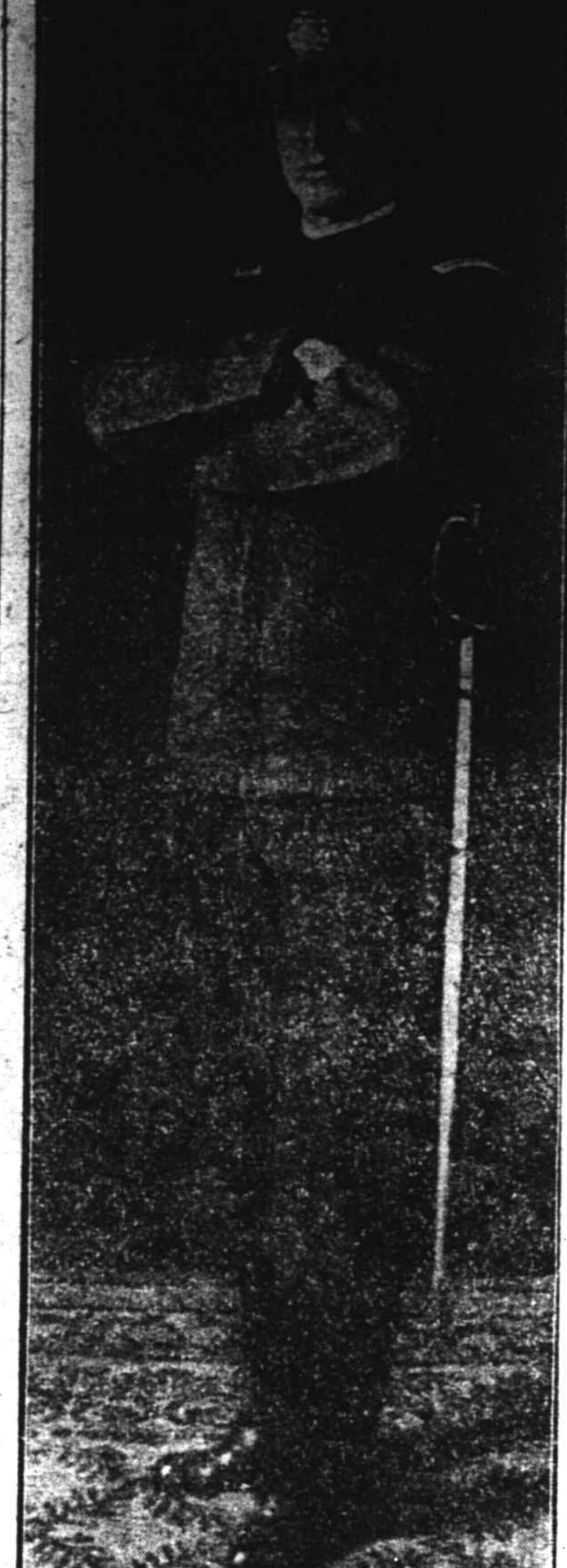
Rougue, La., spending a few hours him before, becase he used to be there with friends, and I am proud with the Southwestern Christian to say that I have a few friends Advocte, edited by Rev. R. E. Jones, there. Thence to Crowley, La., D. D. Well Prof. Mason, hours taking absolute rest, thence he has made good. out about two o'colock in the morn. You will recall that I told you o'clock in the afternoon for Hous- she is a fine musician. ton, Texas, reaching there after 12 | I wish you could just drop down o'clock, then going to the hotel re- here and take a look at the watermaining until Wednesday morning, melons. I don't know that I have when I started for this place where ever seen so many melons since I an examination into the history of This institution is situated in

was a man to escort me over to the I suppose I must have seen a milschool in his wagon beind two Tex- lion melons. I met my old friend, school, which is about two miles melons I could eat and all the lem- terest. The subject is considered Department with its various induscommittee for me. I was assigned you he is a great man. at the school over 400 students, M. Harris, the practical farmer many years was the West Indies. cultured Christian influences. most of them were teachers who and agriculturist. He is the man As a rule Friends objected to slav- Only students of brain, good months and are here getting ready melons, and turned them out so ten years before the outbreak of are desired. High School graduto do even more work for the race sweet and nice. He is the man the Revolution. At the latter date ates desiring to fit themselves for in the future.

good work. In the school I found did not know existed, and that is been the cause of so much crime the following teachers: Prof. E. L. the making of molasses syrup out that early steps were taken to pro-Blckshear, principal; W. C. Roll- of watermelons. This has been tect the public. As a rule, Negro light, etc., (with board \$2.00 per ins, treasurer: N. A. Banks, math- done right here, and they are just redemptioners were to be freed af- week, in the College dining rooms ematics; R. L. Isaacs, assistant in filling cans and shipping the syrup. mathematics; C. H. Griggs, Eng. It is much in demand. I was real refused liberty then, they could to but \$129.00 for the school year. lish, Miss A. L. Evans, associate p roud to see him. If you do not not afterwards demand it. Slavery Other expenses depend upon the professor in English; J. T. Hodges, know how to make it, then write to was abolished in 1789, save that wants and habits of the student. pedagogy and history; Miss C. B. this good man and I am sure he those in service might be held for In families the board varies. Stu- Wm H. Trusty, the Expert Drisdale, assistant in history; Miss will tell you all about it. M. B. Cross. assistant mathematics; Brooms are being made, mattress-P. E. Bledsoe, science; C. H. Wales, beds, and ironwork of every ler, agriculture; Mrs. J. H. Crakind. This is the only school in were largely descended from the their Senators or Representatives, ford, assistant in science; W. P. the country with an iceplant. Just original slaves of the Common-certificates granting FREE TUI-Terrell, mechanics; T. H. Brittain, think of it, they make ice right wealth. There was a constant TION AND INCIDENTALS. carpentry; Miss Mary J. Sims, pri- here the hottest day in summer. acretion of free Negroes and runamary methods; Miss Eddie Black- This is being done by our black ways from the South, but these Instrumental music is extra. shear, music.

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