

Dr. Bachman, Dr. H. Strayer of Chattanooga, and "Aunt Mary" Rice of Honolulu.

During the World War fire destroyed the negro buildings and the boys were housed temporarily in the present administration building, until the large building across the road was constructed. Building expansion then ceased for a long time.

A reader of this early record is impressed with the curious fact that though the institution was designated as a school and many children came there solely upon the ground of truancy from the public schools of the county, there were comparatively no school advantages offered. As late as 1924 only one teacher was employed, and no building provided. In 1929, Mr. Fred Robinson was appointed on the board of trustees and through his efforts an appropriation was secured and the present school building was erected at a cost of \$8000. Three teachers are employed—we shall have to have four this fall—and Bonny Oaks boasts a grammar school, second to none in the county.

Two of our high school girls, Eleanor Benning and Jugnita Drew, have conducted summer school at Bonny Oaks the past three years."

We cannot pour out too much praise on Dr. and Mrs. Keese on the manner that this lovely place is conducted. They have everything out there now they need, with a single exception. It has been Mrs. Keese's dream for years of a new chapel to be dedicated in memory of Dr. Bachman, the founder of the home. Due to economic conditions this dream has not as yet been realized. But Mrs. Keese is determined to have it, and it's my sincere hope that some of these days her patience will be rewarded.

I always like to go to Bonny Oaks and go every time the opportunity presents itself. The present board of trustees are all good friends of mine, and my best friend is the chairman of the board, and that's Lapsley G. Walker. I never overlook the chance to express myself on the subject of Mr. Walker, fine citizen and fine friend.