

MANILA SCHOOLS.

The industrial force of the department of city schools, Manila, for the school year of 1916 is as follows:

Mrs. Engracia Yamzon, industrial supervisor for girls.

Miss Lucia Escalderon, assistant industrial supervisor for girls.

Mr. Vicente R. Concepcion, industrial supervisor for boys.

At the beginning of the present school year Miss Lucia Escalderon was transferred from the school division of Cebu to the city schools of Manila, as assistant industrial supervisor for girls.

During the month of June, 1916, Mr. Nicanor Oca, shop teacher at the Sampaloc primary school, was transferred to the division of Sorsogon as acting principal of the provincial trade school of the Province of Sorsogon.

Since the beginning of the present school year, orders for industrial articles to the value of ₱700 have been received from the Bureau of Education. These orders include 1,400 yards bobbin lace, 11 luncheon sets, 12 dozen handkerchiefs, 18 kimonos, and a number of other articles.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in securing certain industrial materials owing in part to their advance in cost.

The following primary schools have shops and gardens as indicated below:

Shops.—Ermita, Herran, Meisic, Pandacan, Sampaloc, San Nicolas, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Gagalangin, Intramuros, Paco, Quiapo, San Andres, Santa Ana, Santa Mesa.

Gardens.—Herran, San Nicolas, Santa Clara, Gagalangin, San Andres, San Lazaro, Tondo, Guipit, San Sebastian. (J. F. S.)

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ALBAY.

The summer session of the Guinobatan Farm School proved to be

very successful. In addition to the regular pupils of the school who remained for work, six municipal teachers enrolled in the vacation classes. They are now teaching gardening in their home schools. The farm school now has an enrollment of 126 boys. The outlook for the crops is very promising. The vacation session has made it possible to have the crops planted much earlier than in previous years.

Mr. Edilberto Bien, traveling industrial teacher from the General Office, has been assigned to this division to assist the basketry teachers. His first assignment was to the Ligao district.

During the months of June and July the division sales department disposed of ₱363.70 worth of baskets and needlework articles.

The normal course of the provincial high school is now completely organized and promises to become the most popular department of the school. A very comprehensive course of industrial instruction has been adopted for the purpose of securing a number of adequately trained principals for central schools.

Throughout the province marked progress is being made in removing the effects of the severe baguios of last October. Considering the extent of the damage wrought, the recovery has been very rapid. A few months more will find the majority of the people better housed than they were before the storms. Nearly all the damaged school buildings have been fully restored.

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BATAAN.

School industrial work in the division of Bataan has grown important enough to have extended its influence to the homes. At present there are very few homes in the division in which there cannot be found one or more industrial articles produced in the public schools; and

these articles are being used, not simply collected as curios.

About the year 1905, when industrial work was given without any models, pupils were accustomed to fabricate unserviceable toys and playthings; but the schools in the division at present are rendering very efficient industrial service in teaching the pupils how to use their hands skillfully in making useful articles.

Moreover the industrial work in the schools has taught the people the value of such plants as pomago, amlong, nito, bamban, kilog and others. These plants were formerly often destroyed but now that they are being used in the schools, people go to the mountains to seek them in order that they may sell them to the schools. More effort is now made to protect these plants and some people are even contemplating cultivating them in order to supply the demands of the schools. (M. B.)

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The percentage of attendance at the recent institute was 99.

Plain sewing was given for the first time in the second, third, and fourth grades. Several male teachers took second-grade sewing.

Some new devices were used in polangui basketry classes which facilitated the work very much.

Mr. D. A. Monroe, a newly arrived teacher from the United States, has been assigned as principal of the trade department of the Capiz Provincial School. Mr. Monroe is well trained for this work and from indications a successful year's work is anticipated.

Miss Valentina Impreso, formerly an assistant in domestic science in the Capiz Provincial School transferred to Oriental Negros during the normal institute. Her place is filled

by Miss Nicolasa Cervero, formerly of Oriental Negros.

This division has orders for desk baskets, wastebaskets, and embroidery to the amount of over ₱1,100.

At the recent institute Mr. Villarruz, assistant industrial supervisor, had charge of basketry and gardening. Mr. Smith, the industrial supervisor, had charge of the embroidery and all housekeeping classes and was principal of the normal. Mr. Ten Hagen supervised the plain sewing and hand weaving. (H. W. B.)

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Friends of Joseph H. Loughran, former industrial supervisor for Iloilo, have received letters from him describing his work in the industrial-development department of the John Wanamaker stores of Philadelphia where he is now employed.

The provincial officials have promised the division superintendent of schools an appropriation of ₱5,000 and a display and storeroom in the provincial building for the new provincial industrial department.

Miss Perpetua Vasquez is now in the southern end of the province inspecting school embroidery work. She will interview the graduates of the School of Household Industries in that section before her return to establish, if possible, household working centers for the provincial industrial department orders.

A new shop building has just been completed and ₱500 worth of carpentry tools purchased for the Iloilo Intermediate School. The teachers and pupils are now hard at work making the benches and within a short time this school will have another line of activity in good order. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made to the domestic-science house as well. (C. E. W.)