

General Information

Act of the General Assembly

The East Carolina Teachers' Training School was established by Act of the General Assembly, ratified the 8th day of March, 1907.

"Section 11. That there shall be established and maintained at some suitable point in Eastern North Carolina a teachers' training school, for the training of young white men and women, under the corporate name of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School.

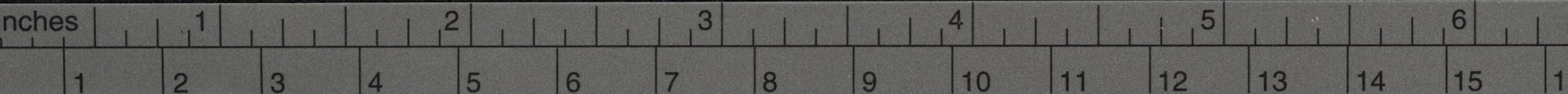
"Sec. 12. That said school shall be located by the State Board of Education at such a point in Eastern North Carolina as they may deem proper, and shall be located in or near that town offering the largest financial aid, having due regard to desirability and suitability for the location of said school.

"Sec. 13. That the object in establishing and maintaining said school shall be to give to young white men and women such education and training as shall fit and qualify them for teaching in the public schools of North Carolina. And the Board of Trustees hereinafter provided for, in prescribing the course of study of said school, shall lay special emphasis on those subjects taught in the public schools of the State and on the art and science of teaching.

"Sec. 14. That tuition in said school shall be free to those who signify their intention to teach, for such time and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the board of trustees; and the board of trustees, upon the recommendation of the faculty, shall give those students in said school who have completed the required course a certificate of proficiency in the work done."

Location

The school is located in the town of Greenville, North Carolina on a tract of forty-seven and one-half acres of land. The



site is well-nigh ideal. Part of the land is covered with a growth of native trees and lends itself beautifully to the establishment of a school park.

History

July 2, 1908 ground was first broken. The following buildings have been erected: Boys' Dormitory, Girls' Dormitory, Administration Building, Kitchen and Dining Hall, Laundry and Power Plant, and Infirmary. October 5, 1909, the school opened its doors for students. During this year four hundred and sixty-one students have been enrolled.

Aim

As is seen in the act of the General Assembly, Section 13, the object of the State in establishing and maintaining the school is "to give to young white men and women such education and training as shall fit and qualify them for teaching in the public schools of North Carolina."

This is a professional school. Its aim is to teach its students not only subject matter, but also the processes by which the learning-mind acquires knowledge. Its purpose is to give the students:

1. Such knowledge of the studies taught in the public schools as a teacher must have in order to teach them properly.
2. A knowledge of other studies that are so related to the branches taught in the public schools as will give a proper understanding of the public school branches.
3. A knowledge of the mental and physical powers of the child and their methods of development.
4. A knowledge of the principles of education and methods of teaching, and their application in the actual work of the school room.
5. A knowledge of the methods of organizing and managing schools.
6. A knowledge of the school law of the State.

In brief, this institution aims to prepare teachers both theoretically and practically for teaching the public schools of North Carolina.