An Appreciation of Our Superintendent

MR. FERGUSON, despite the efforts of other schools and institutions to get him away from us, has served us faithfully and lovingly. To think of Marlin High without thinking of Mr. Ferguson as its superintendent, is deemed highly impossible, so fixed has his position become in the minds of all. Perhaps Marlin has never been so happy in the choice of a "supe" before.

Not only is he respected, but also is he loved by those children whom their consciences compel to have no fear of his anger and wrath at some misdemeanor. His able advice to and personal interest in each child as an individual, and not as a combined atom of a mass, has made him indispensable to doubting students. His pleasant council is sought by each with a knowledge that Mr. Ferguson will always find time for him if it is in any way possible.

Many incidents have arisen that would raise the ire and try the patience of a saint, yet Mr. Ferguson goes through every episode with a calm air that insures the ultimate successful solution of the problem at hand.

Nor are we of Marlin the only ones who appreciate his intrinsic value to a school. Each summer he teaches in some school. Peabody Teacher's Normal, Sam Houston State Teacher's Normal, South Texas State Teacher's Normal, and State University have each enjoyed the privilege of Mr. Ferguson's ability of teaching. Even this year there was a danger of our losing him to the East Texas Teacher's College, in the position of Dean. Probably we'd never realized his true worth to us until he was about to be snatched from us.

Few,if any, disastrous affairs have happened during his occupation of the position of superintendent here. He has, on the other hand, advanced and pushed forward the worth and value of the school, has made progress automatic with the progress of the scholastic field in general. He has introduced regulations which have proved highly successful, and has reached a desired goal in placing the school in Class A.

At length, it is mainly to him that existence of the Marlinian is due. When the group of Seniors were seeking permission to have an annual once more, he suggested to them that the Senior Class publish a monthly newspaper, and thereby have a voice in print to the class, and not have the expense incurred by an annual. That idea was seized upon and we have always him to thank for his help and encouragement—and possibly his frequent scolding when we failed to "measure up."

All in all, we want our superintendent to realize that we truly, sincerely, frankly love, esteem, and appreciate him and his work among us.

—The Editor