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NORTH CAROLINA CLUB STUDIES

THE GOOD ROADS INSTI-TUTE

monstrations of the drag and other im- of mouth hygiene. plements of repair.

superintendents, and board officials is ex- dom of such work. It is but another nected.

A RARE DISTINCTION

Dr. Charles H. Herty, Smith Professor of Chemistry in the University of North Carolina, has been re-elected President of the American Chemical Society. It is one of the highest distinctions in the world of American Science.

in the University of North Carolina: by ought public education to be a county-Herty in 1915. Only Columbia Univer- anywhere in a county ought to be bewice

And now with Dr. Herty's re-election, city ward. State University.

EXTENSION LECTURES

Prof. Collier Cobb opened a series of University Extension addresses in Hen- New Hanover's Noble Example derson on January 13th, with an illustrated lecture on Old World Highways. The lecture was given in the high school the lectures are given.

312 SCHOOLS ENROLLED

Three hundred and twelve high schools rolled with Secretary E. R. Rankin for in the whole history of public education. the approaching contests of the High School Debating Union. The triangular basis of this sort, are being proclaimed debates will be held throughout the State far and wide by Dr. P. P. Claxton, our on March 31st, and the final contest for Federal Commissioner of Education, as the Avcock Memorial Cup will be held in the hope of our country civilization every-Chapel Hill on April 14th.

The contests of the Union from first to last will be participated in by fully 2,000 student debaters, and the total audiences will number 75,000 North Carolinians.

Buncombe County leads the State with an enrollment of 13 schools. Robeson county does not lie in the sea nor in her with 10. Alamance has 9 and Mecklen-people. It is impossible to mingle with burg 8. Johnston, Nash and Wake have these fisher folk without being impressed They were re-arranged in The North Car-7 each. Gaston, Iredell and Union have 6 each. Beaufort, Durham, Cleveland, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Vance, Warren and Wayne have 5 each enrolled.

DECLAIMING CONTEST

Watauga counties was held at the Appa- general white illiteracy rate. lachian Training School on Saturday, November 20th.

All the declamations were taken from the University Extension Bureau Bulletin, and were creditably rendered.

Hill and the five-dollar prize for the boys was won by Bryan Dickson of Silas Creek, Ashe county.

Thus are being made devotees of our democratic educational system, - free schools, publicly supported to provide an equal opportunity for all the children of all the people.

HEALTH WORK SPREADING

rent year all the children in the Carthage G. Crisp, a Trinity College graduate, ter showing. Graded School were examined for dis- and his successor, Mr. E. W. Joyner, a cases of eyes, ears, noses and throats by graduate of the University. Dare's in-Dr. M. R. Gibson of Raleigh.

fective in one or more of these particulars. are too far removed from the stimulating many times over the value of every dollar Many of these children have been treated influence of the big wide world. with most favorable results.

Larger Results

the Carthage Betterment Association. in education. In 1913-1914 the school spent nearly \$5,000 for new country

The example thus set has been followed by many of the surrounding districts, and the sentiment is fast growing in the The Third Roads Institute will be held coun.y for more careful inspection and the University February 7 to 12. Em- supervision of the health of school childphasis this year will be laid on systematic ren. Later in the year a dentist was supervision and maintenance of public called in to inspect the children's teeth roads, with illustrated lectures, and de- and to advise with the parents in matters

It is all a move in the right direction A large attendance of road engineers, and the entire community feels the wisconcrete illustration of the fine work possible for the Betterment Associations to do. Other schools may well follow the

COUNTRY - WIDE SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Country school facilities ought to be as ample and efficient as city school facili-Outside the Universities of North Caro- ties. But it cannot be so without generina and Virginia, the headship of this ous co-operation on the part of city propgreat society has never been held in the erty owners and tax payers. Just as every board of trade ought to be county-This honor has been held by two men wide in its concerns and activities, so Dr. F. P. Venable in 1905, and Dr. C. H. wide affair; and every dollar of wealth sity has ever before held this distinction hind the school in the poorest country community as well as in the wealthiest

the honor for the third time comes to our | County-wide school systems have the sanction of law in every county of Florida. Every dollar of school taxes paid in Jacksonville is shared with the country schools of Duval county.

We have in North Carolina one such county-wide school system. It is the bankrupted us anywhere in North Caro-New Hanover school system. No law as lina. auditorium before a large audience. Five in Florida lays tribute upon Wilmington other University professors will make ad- wealth to support the country schools of dresses to Henderson audiences in this of the county. City support of country series. The Woman's Club of Hender-schools is uncompelled and freely generas the organization under whose auspices ous. It gives an eight month term to every country district; it shelters the children in comfortable houses, many of them handsomely built of brick. It gives them well paid teachers and ample school equipments. The people of no city in in 93 counties of North Carolina have en- the world have ever set a nobler example

> County-wide school systems, on a tax where

DARE COUNTY'S LARGEST ASSET

As elsewhere, the largest asset of Dare comes next with 12, and Guilford follows soils and seasons, but in the souls of her with their splendid possibilities.

common school education. They are not illiterate. Only three counties of the state make a better showing in the literacy of white voters; only three show a better per cent of attendance upon ernments in 1912 ranges from \$1.36 in among the schools of Ashe, Caldwell and schools; and only six have a smaller Yadkin to \$6.91 in Iredell.

School Tax Willingness

port. The local school tax levy averages er. In country wealth per person they \$8.80 per thousand of taxable property, are not very far apart. Iredell with \$377 piece was won by Blanche Sherrill of Oak and in this particular only one county in ranks 11th, and Yadkin with \$314 ranks of the white schools have two or more teachers; and only five counties pay white rural teachers better salaries. Every teacher but six in the county has three of them have college diplomas.

Manteo, the county seat, has just comwrites that at the beginning of the cur- to the leadership of Superintendent B. faced. Only twelve counties made a bet-

Rich in Automobiles

All this was done under the direction of vesting about as much in automobiles as schools in 1912-13 nearly \$20,000. She

TO ALL GOOD MEN

Dr. Edward Kidder Graham

There have been, during the past year, many inspiring evidences that we are coming more and more to see that true loyalty to the University consists not merely in pride in the institution, nor merely in love for it as our Alma Mater; but, also, and mainly, in our personal devotion to the high things for which the institution stands and our practical service in making these things prevail.

This devotion we share with all good men everywhere, whose aims and ideals are kindred, and with every agency that seeks to make them effective in the life of the State. The essential character of the University is cooperation in its fullest and deepest sense. It is the institution for expressing in intelligent and constructive terms all of those varied aspects of human effort that make complete and unified the life of the State.

Adequate equipment, therefore, to do its work with freedom and vigor it asks not in any selfish measure, but as the heart of the general good.-The President's Report for 1915.

property of the county was worth \$8,400 in June 1915, there were 14 automobiles valued at \$9,400. Which means, of course that investment in education has not yet

OUR COUNTY TAX BURDENS

The University News Letter of March 24, 1915, contained a table showing the North Carolina in 1912, as compared with perity, and larger social outlook other states of the Union.

Our issue of January 19, 1916, contained a similar table showing the per capita cost of county government in the various states of the Union in 1912. Here it appeared that the average cost of county per inhabitant, against an average of \$4.99 in the country-at-large. The per capita burden of county government was larger in 36 states.

County Costs in North Carolina

Elsewhere in this issue is a table showing the per capita cost of government in the counties of North Carolina in 1912. These figures are taken from a 1915 Census Bureau Bulletin on County Revenues, Expenditures and Public Properties. olina Club headquarters to show the rank They have always been interested in of our counties in this particular.

Least in Yadkin; Largest in Iredell

The per capita cost of our county gov-

Yadkin is not the poorest county in the State; in per capita country wealth 71 counties are poorer. Nor is Iredell the Every school district but one in the richest county in North Carolina; in per county levies a local tax for school sup- capita country wealth 10 counties are rich-

Iredell a Progressive County

Iredell invests liberally in public education and improved public roads; two a first grade license; more than half of elementary factors in progress and prosthem have had normal training, and perity. In 1910, only six counties in the State had less illiteracy among native whites; and on January 1, 1915, more pleted a high school building, with a than two-fifths of the entire public road beautiful auditorium seating 500 people, mileage was improved—295 miles were Supt. C. G. Credle of Moore county All told the people have responded nobly graded, and 275 of these miles were sur-

She invests in the medical inspection of vestment in education is liberal and wise. that employ rural school supervisors who Dare needs more high school pupils and keep the club work of the boys and girls 40 per cent of the children were found demore students in our colleges. The people going with effectiveness and multiply

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Bertie

Jackson

Camden

Aside from the 20 cent school tax, which is uniformly levied in all the coun-Like most of our counties, Dare is in- ties, she raised by local taxation for her

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION LETTER SERIES NO 59

THE POINT OF VIEW

Have you ever considered this matter of public education, elementary and secondary, as a business proposition? Have you ever tried to grasp the magnitude of the capital invested? Have you ever considered the sources from which this revenue is derived? What business principles ings, sites, machinery, raw material, etc. apply, or should apply to the handling of In the school business this sort of capithis business? These are all questions tal is represented by permanent school worthy of careful consideration.

The Basis

Of course the basis for the consideration of public education from this viewpoint must be the financing of the system. tal which makes a going business; money Of course, too, there must be recognition in the bank, profits from the business, of the fact that free, public education is interest on the investment capital, any a function of the state and not of the local revenue that keeps the business going. the Federal Government on the other. tal is derived from the income from perma-These considerations are fundamental.

A Business Necessity

ness must have capital upon which to do ments, subscriptions and the like.

furniture.

business. So must there be capital for the business of public schools. This capital is usually considered of two sorts, investment capital and operative capital.

Investment Capital

Investment capital in the commercial world is that capital represented by buildfunds, unsold school lands, buildings and sites used for school purposes.

Operative Capital

By operative capital is meant that capitown or district on the one hand or of In the school business this operative capinent school funds and unsold school lands, from state tax or appropriation, from local tax or appropriation, and from misce-It is readily recognized that every busi- lanneous sources like bequests, endow-

school buildings. She had \$62,385 in- New Hanover employs a whole-time vested in rural school property; and 66 school nurse. She keeps a food inspector of her schools were equipped with modern busy the whole year around. She has a She voted bonds for The Statesville Air modern abattoir, a reduction plant, and Line Railway and now she joins Catawba well equipped meat markets. The chil-

in building a \$15,000 bridge over the Ca- dren in the city and country schools untawba river For many years she has dergo medical inspection. She has more supported the work in farm demonstra- sanitary closets than any other county in Iredell has been investing in brave, big the State.

ways in law and order, progress and pros-

New Hanover Ranks High

per capita cost of county government. Her rate is \$5.27 per inhabitant.

The city and the country are enjoying the fruits of these investments-better And she is reaping her reward in better health, clean homes, and a low death schools, better churches, increased popu- rate. Since 1911 her smallpox cases have lation, new farm enterprises, livestock as- fallen from 800 to none; and her death sociations and silos, cream routes all over rate has dropped from 29.4 per 1,000 inthe county and a creamery, larger busi- habitants to 16.4. Public funds fairly per capita cost of State government in ness for the trade centers, greater pros- raised and effectively expended are an investment in social well-being.

The natives of Dahomey pay no taxes New Hanover stands next to Iredell in at all; but then most people would rather live in New Hanover or Iredell county, North Carolina.

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government in North Carolina was \$2.99 COUNTY TAX BURDENS IN NORTH CAROLINA, 1912

Average for the State \$2.99: for the U.S. \$4.99

CENSUS BUREAU BULLETIN, 1915.

Per Capita Rank County Per Capita Rank County 50 Madison Yadkin 1.38 51 Hyde Surry 1.41 52 Currituck 2.74 3 Gates 2.74 52 Catawba Burke 2.82 1.59 54 Pitt 5 Stokes 1.64 55 Haywood 6 Wilkes 2.83 7 Asha Montgomery 2.84 57 Cleveland 1.81 Carteret 58 Clay 2.85 1.86 9 Davie 1.88 59 Moore 2.91

10 Cherokee 11 Davidson 1.89 Northampton 1.92 61 Vance 12 Chowan 1.93 61 Columbus 13 Caswell 1.93 63 Washington 13 Rutherford 15 Pasquotank 1.94 Wilson 64 1.94 65 Alamance Warren 1.95 66 Hertford 17 Harnett 1.97 McDowell 18 Chatham 67 2.00 Bladen Lenoir 67 Guilford

2.00 19 Wayne 2.02 21 Greene 70 Onslow 2.06 22 Randolph 2.07 72 Dare Martin 24 Jones 2.08 73 Rockingham 2.10 74 Macon 25 Lincoln 2.11 Edgecombe 26 Johnston 2.11 76 Richmond Alleghany 2.12 77 Swain

3.43 28 Alexander 3.51 2.15 78 Pender 29 Graham 3.57 2.16 79 Craven 30 Lee 3.73 2.17 80 Granville 31 Yancey 3.74 2.18 81 Cabarrus 32 Perquimans 3.76 2.18 82 Mecklenburg 32 Duplin 4.01 2.26 Person 83 Forsyth 4.12

2.27 84 Gaston 35 Stanly 2.31 85 Anson 36 Franklin 2.32 86 Wake 37 Sampson 2.36 87 Transylvania Nash 2.37 87 Henderson 39 Union 2.37 89 Durham 39 Halifax 2.38 90 Rowan Pamlico 2,43 91 Buncombe

42 Orange 2.51 6.91 93 Iredell 44 Beaufort 2.53 45 Tyrrell Per capita cost not computed for Avery, 2.57 Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga, Hoke, Robeson, and Cumberland counties, be-46 Brunswick 46 Polk

2.43

2.57 cause of changes in boundary lines since

92 New Hanover