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Efficiency of Our Schools in War Time.

On every hand we now hear gloomy forebodings as to the prospects for continuing our schools for next year on what may be termed an efficient basis. The children cannot attend regularly; taxes are already high, the county-wide tax has failed, and the teachers are demanding larger salaries and must have them if they are to work efficiently or are to work at all: these and many other things have taken possession of the common mind that indicate a sad plight of common education. Some have even taken the ridiculous, foolish, and insane position that the schools should be closed until after the war and that the youth of our country should grow up as weeds, with

country should grow up as weeds, with out cultivation or culture. But is all this pessimism justifiable? Is it not possible for all the schools of Franklin county to be run on an efficient basis next year—a basis even more efficient than at any previous time? Is it possible for us with the same money that we now have to re-

larger salaries than are now paid: Such a question may seem non-sense. But these things can be done. Some of the schools of Franklin have already made arrangements to carry on just such a scheme during the next ses-

Let us look at the efficiency of some of our schools during the past year. There are many schools in Franklin county that have teachers teaching the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth grades; each teacher having from twenty to twenty-five recitations per day, each recitation lasting from ten to fifteen minutes—just long enough to ask what the lesson was and to assign the next one. There was no time for teaching, no time to even see that the pupil had studied the lesson. Such a condition led one of our most efficient teachers to remark only last Friday that she was thoroughly disgusted with the work she had done in trying to teach high school work in the three-teacher school in which she had taught during the past session. Not only she, but every other teacher in the county who has had the same experience has the same spentirent.

Now, if the public schools of the

Now, if the public schools of the county would leave off the high school subjects (as some have already planned to do) and undertake only the work of the first seven grades, they might dispense with one teacher, they could pay each teacher more, each teacher would have less work and strain, and the whole school would operate more efficiently. This is the scheme in a nutshell: let the county high schools (who are repared to do the work) do the work that the county and State wish them to do—do not attempt to do the high school work where it is of really no value to the pupil after it is done. The people are paying taxes that support these schools, let all the people of the county take advantage of the . ppotunities that they offer.—This is war time efficiency.

The Justice High School (one of Franklin county's high schools) has realized that just such a plan as the one above outlined will improve the efficiency of the elementary schools of the county greatly. Next year its doors will be wide open to all boys and girls of the county seeking high school instruction. The school will have a catalog complete from the press, ready for mailing within the next four weeks. Anyone desiring a copy may have same by writing the principal, Mr. J. C. Peel, R. F. D. No. 2, Spring Hope, N. C. Would it not be well for the committeemen of the various schools to send for several copies and distribute them in their community in order that their schools may work more ef-

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