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The State Board of Health has sent out a bulletin in which it says that in some parts of the State the undertakers, physicians and midwives are not reporting births and deaths. Surely they do not realize that this vital statistic law is to be enforced. It is a misdemeanor for a physician, undertaker or midwife not to make the reports required by law. The law has been published in this and other newspapers and has been sent to every person whose duty it is to report statistics.

The State Board of Health is going to enforce this law. The Attorney General has been consulted in this matter, and he is heartily in accord with the new law. He wants it enforced to the letter. He has asked that all the data for the first half dozen prosecutions be laid before him, so that he can give them his full attention. After that, he will act as general consultant in such work whenever needed.

## APPLE GROWING.

One of the most profitable industries in the growing of apples. In this section of the State it is said that we cannot profitably compete with the mountainous section of the State in the growing of fall and winter apples, but that we can grow summer apples more profitably than they can farther West. There is always a market in the near-by towns for summer apples as well as for fall and winter apples and even if there were not a market in the near-by towns for summer apples they can be shipped profitably to Danville, Lynchburg, Richmond and even to Washington. The demand for apples is increasing not only in America but in foreign countries. Millions of dollars are invested now in the growing of apples but the demand for apples is increasing more rapidly than the acreage of orchards.

## TEACHING FARMING.

County Farm Demonstration work is a comparatively new thing but it has been proven clearly that these agents have been most helpful. Farmer's club have been organized and hundreds of boys in almost every county where there are Farm Demonstrators have been interested in the study of agriculture and better methods of farming. Night Schools have been organized in some States where young men from eighteen to twenty-four years of age have been taught the elementary branches. These Demonstration Agents have talked improvement of farms not only to the farmers but in the churches and in the schools, and have saved the farmers in the purchase of machinery, fertilizers and other supplies. These Demonstration agents have not only shown how to grow two blades of grass where one grew but they have been the means of producing better breeds of live stock and extensive uses of hog cholera serum not only this but they have interested farmers in the drainage of land, the making of pastures profitable, and have assisted the farmers greatly in numerous problems which the farmers have to solve. They are teaching how to grow corn, wheat, oats, rye, cotton, tobacco and clover. They have also instructed them in the building of silos and have done many other things of great value for farmers.

## TAXING THEMSELVES RICH

Excessive taxation is something to be avoided. It is not often that any community taxes themselves rich. Seven townships in Vanderberg county, Indiana, about which The Louisville Courier-Journal tells us, are actually taxing the people rich and other townships in the same county are preparing to do likewise. These seven townships have issued \$250,000 of bonds for the construction of roads. It is not only true in Vanderburg, Indiana, but the Evansville Journal-News shows that it is true because of the influence good roads have had on roads have increased the worth of land valuation about Evansville. A close canvass of the farmers shows the important fact that the good roads have increased the worth of farms from five to fifteen dollars per acre than they were before the roads were built. The farmers can deliver their produce about thirty per cent cheaper; they can deliver it any time of the year. The good roads about Evansville has increased the valuation of farm lands six million dollars and at the present rate of building roads in that section it is said that lands will double their value within the next four years. The best way that yet has been devised for building roads in order that the people now living may get the benefit of them is by a bond issue. Indiana has more good road mileage than any other State in the Union.

## Country Correspondence

### PROVIDENCE NEWS.

Mrs. Hugh McAdden and Miss Beulah Cranford attended Quarterly Meeting at South Fork Sunday. Mr. Tom Pemberton, mother and his twin boys from near Greensboro, made a business trip to Mr. G. P. Barkers last week in his car. Mr. A. E. Burns of Asheboro was in this community recently. Mrs. Grace Fields spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neece. Miss Winnie Julian has gone to Asheboro for a visit. Mrs. L. L. Chamness, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Adams spent Sunday with Mr. Stanton Kings. There was an ice cream supper at Mr. Willie Gregson's Saturday night. Mrs. Maggie Burrows is improving from a serious attack of neuritis. The Philathea Class held their business meeting Saturday to elect officers.

### MILLBORO NEWS.

Mr. M. L. Allred and family of Climax spent Saturday and Sunday at R. W. Pughs. Miss Maude Melton of Coleridge is visiting Miss Nellie Ellis. Mr. Cicero Dorsett of High Point was in town Sunday. Some of our people attended the birthday dinner at I. W. Allreds Sunday. Mr. C. S. Julian and family of Cedar Falls spent Sunday here. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Kinley are Miss Nellie Ellis entertained about thirty of her friends at a birthday party Saturday night from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. Games were played in the house and yard. The music by Misses Atha and Laura Julian was enjoyed. Cake and fruit were served as refreshments. All had a very pleasant time.

### RAMSEUR ITEMS.

Miss Lizzie Smith who taught school at Old Fort the past winter returned last week. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allred of Greensboro spent part of last Sunday with their parents. A large number of our people attended Memorial exercises at Park's Cross Roads Sunday. Rev. J. E. White, the pastor, preached a very able and interesting on "Faith." Mr. J. W. Parks returned last Saturday from a Northern trip in the interest of the Novelty Wood Works. J. E. Covington with the J. G. Dodson Co. of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week end with his family. Messrs. Luther & York have begun on the foundation for their moving picture building, near the Ramseur Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones and child of Greensboro spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitehead, returning home on Monday. Mr. M. H. Funston had two fingers on his right hand badly lacerated while at work last week.

### MELANCHTON NEWS.

Sunday School at Melanchton is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Zeb Fox. Miss Laura Jones attended preaching at Sandy Creek last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swain of Liberty visited at Mr. Roddy Swains Sunday. Miss Bessie Ward was the guest of Miss Swanna Ward Saturday and Sunday. Mr. O. H. Kickman is right sick this week. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hayes of near Gray's Chapel visited at the home of Aba Ward Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones visited T. E. Routh's Sunday. Mrs. Walter Clapp and Mrs. Monroe of Liberty visited P. P. Jones Sunday. Miss Myrtle Amick was the guest of Miss Mamie Kord Sunday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, a girl. Married, on Sunday May 3rd, Mr. Will Coble to Miss Sarah Amick. We wish for this couple a long and happy life.

### Franklinville News.

Rev. O. P. Ader's sermons Sunday and Sunday night were very much appreciated by his congregation by illustrating his subject on the black board. C. H. Julian visited friends at Central Falls Sunday. Walter G. Coble spent Sunday in town with friends. W. D. Mauer has purchased a new auto and has already been measuring the ditches in the suburbs of town. Mrs. E. Ruth, Master Clifford, and Miss Walker of Cedar Falls spent the week-end in the city the guest of relatives. Miss Mattie Black has returned to Coleridge where she will have charge of a summer school. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moffitt who have recently moved into this community spent Sunday with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ruth. J. D. W. Buie made a business trip to Burlington Monday, returning on Tuesday. Some of our people attended the meeting at Park's N. Roads Sunday. The Ladies Aid Society deserves much credit for the nice cleaning of the cemetery of the M. E. Church received last week. When the ladies start the men do move.

### Julian Grove News.

Wheat is looking fine in this section. Miss Elsie Pugh of Providence visited at W. V. Routh's Saturday night. Mr. James Bradford who has been visiting his father here for some time has returned to his home at Danville, Va. Little Mabel Johnson, who has been quite sick is no better. Troy Ward is right sick and has been for some time. Mr. Ed Kelly's mother from Franklinville is visiting him this week. Mr. Frank Pugh and Paris Trogdon have recently had telephones put in their homes. Almost all of our best farmers in this section have telephones. Mr. Rufus Routh had the misfortune to jump from a second story window while dreaming Saturday night. One of his hands was badly broken up. Miss Mattie Bradford who has been employed at Greensboro for some time is visiting homefolks this week. Quite a number of people visited aunt Mary Julian Sunday. She is in her 93d year and is still lively but cannot walk being down with rheumatism.

## Co-Operation in Road Building.

Any kind of a road can be got by impelling hard work. It is difficult to get the roads worked by taxation exclusively as they should be and under the direction of a competent engineer.

It is well to have hard surfaced roads but for many years to come the roads which will be the country dirt road and for many years yet it will be necessary to build it and repair it in the old-fashioned way of calling in the neighbors and working it on the co-operative plan.

The work of the roads in this way means quick action and good results right now without waiting for the special tax of the bond issue.

In the early days of our country the people worked together to build churches, school houses and roads and even assisted in the building of each other's homes. The average citizen of this generation is apt to forget that he is one of the units that go to make up the government. The arrangement of special days for working the roads is an important matter. This way of working the roads makes the people take personal interest in highway improvement as well as the good which the workers on the road accomplish. By spending our spare time in working the roads we can invest it into coin; thus we have an asset that is worth more than actual cash for capital invested in good roads. The road hands should be called out by every overseer in the county to work the third Thursday and Friday in April. That will be the 15th and 17th of April, when those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five are urged to work the roads. It would be well to call on all able-bodied citizens to aid in this improvement.

## More About Co-Operation in Road Working.

Every progressive, wide-awake citizen of this county, we believe is willing to give his time, labor, teams and money to assist the county in the building of good roads. The great trouble is about agreeing upon the plan of building of good roads.

## Rural Credits.

Commissioner Young says if the farmers will organize associations upon the principle of the building and loan associations, that this will do much to educate them in saving systematically and in helping each other. Of the plan proposed by him 1,000 shareholders would pay in \$13,500; take off \$500 for expenses, and this would leave \$13,000 to be loaned out. This amount, with borrowing \$4,000, would give \$17,000 to be loaned each year. In five years this would amount to \$85,000 in any county.—Charlotte Observer.

## The GHP in the Kitchen.

The Charlotte Observer is waging a campaign for "the woman in the kitchen." The Home takes off its hat to Brother Harris on this issue. The kitchen is just as honorable a summer resort as the "abrigos" and the maids should be made feel that way about it. A young lady ought never to marry until she either knows how to cook or possesses a desire to learn the former preferable. And housewives should not lose sight of the kitchen. Book clubs are all right and they serve to strengthen the mind of their members, but every book club ought to provide the very best book on domestic science obtainable and pass it around until it is worn out and then buy another.—The Marshville Home.

## Warms the Cause of Your Child's Pains.

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## RANDLEMAN NEWS.

Mrs. Minnie Laughlin, of Raleigh, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Troydon. Dr. T. J. Cox and Mr. J. B. Lutterloh, of Franklinville came up Sunday to see Mrs. Fox, who is seriously ill. Messrs. A. B. Bessley and O. C. Marsh have purchased a nice building lot from Dr. Wilkerson and will erect a nice residence in the near future. There is not much excitement here in politics. The town election is over and we are still in the game fix as before. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, on Sunday morning, May 11, a son. The Sunday School at St. Paul's still improves in spite of some fathers. Oh, that parents could realize the necessity of having better examples before their children while they are young. Some will go to look for pigs, some for cows, some for one thing, and some for another. We think fathers should stop and think for us you sow so shall you reap. Memorial Services were held at Mt. Lebanon Sunday at 11 o'clock and Old Folks Day at 2:30. Rev. J. B. O'Brian conducting all the services. J. A. Russell will leave Monday in the interest of the Randleman Drug Co. He is selling the great kidney and bladder remedies known as the P. H. Sol Tablets.

## Management of Soils to Conserve Moisture.

The greater part of the water that falls as rain passes into the soil. The proportion that runs off without entering the soil varies with the compactness and inclination of the surface and with the character of the soil. The water which does enter the soil passes downward, the free or gravitational water which forms visible liquid layers on the soil grains or occurs between them being pulled down by gravity. The water held by the soil particles against the force of gravity is called capillary water. It can not be seen as liquid water, but its presence may be recognized by its effect upon the color of the soil. If in too great quantity to be disposed of by capillarity, the rain water runs down into the lower soil and finally joins the so-called ground water also called bottom water, raising its level temporarily. In drying weather the capillary water evaporates from the surface of the soil, drawing more water from below, but not in sufficient quantity wholly to replace that lost by evaporation of capillary water until another another and there is, therefore, a continual decrease in the content rainfall. The free or permanent water may rise into the soil as capillary water to replace that lost by evaporation, and it is constantly running out of the soil into the natural drainage channels as spring and seepage waters. These several motions of water all take place when the rainfall is sufficient to give an excess over what the soil can hold in what has been called the capillary state.

If the surface soil be open and loose, heavy rains completely fill the pore spaces of the upper soil. When the pulverized layer is thin, it often becomes so soft and filled with water that this looselayer washes and greatly injures a field.

## The Ideal Tilt.

It is from capillary water that agricultural lands, for the most part, obtain the water necessary for their growth. In order that they may make their best development, the soil must be in such physical condition that the roots of plants can readily penetrate it and ramify thru it; it must contain sufficient capillary water to supply the needs of the plants and this water must be renewed as it is taken up. There should be no large air spaces, since these cause the soil to dry out readily and prevent the development of the many fine branching rootlets necessary to the best development of plants. It is somewhat difficult to describe in words this proper mechanical condition of the soil. It is porous but not loose; firm but not hard nor consolidated; close-grained but not run together nor adhesive. The ideal condition is that of a good loamy soil, which has been thoroughly pulverized when in best condition as to moisture and has then been firmed by pressure. The pulverizing breaks the soil into granules which the pressure brings close together without destroying them. The soil still has a mealy or crumbly texture. In such a soil the roots of plants make their best development. In such a soil, too, beneficial bacterial life find its most favorable environment. Such soils will take up and hold the most water, not as water is held in a dish but rather it is held in a sponge. It is free to move under capillary forces and it does not exclude the air, nor interfere with any of the vital chemical or physical processes in the soil and the mineral nutriment it contains are readily reached and absorbed by the extending roots of plants.

The old saying—"Well prepared is half done" is truer today than it was when first coined. Any practical farmer reading the above is bound to admit the truth contained, however we are in a peculiar situation. We have passed the middle of March with practically nothing done. There are two important points that ought to be especially stressed: 1. Keep the plow out of the ground until it is dry enough. 2. Keep the seed out of the ground until the land is thoroughly prepared. Will you say, "Any fool knows that?" Yes, we all know it, but many of us act in this respect as Paul said when he was writing to the Romans. Many a man in Moore county will say before the summer is past "I intended to do this job the other way but I had so much to do." Now is the time to lay off only what can be properly prepared in short space of time.

## Co-operation.

What is co-operation? There seems to be two erroneous ideas common among some people in regard to what the term implies. One class places its meaning along with that of the Good Samaritan and seems to infer that to co-operate means to help carry the other fellow's load. Another class takes an opposite view and defines it as the duty of some one else to carry their load. It is neither, but more. The word carries its own meaning. The question then is how to apply it. The first and most important thing is a standardized product by the farmer with his own personal guarantee behind it. The selling of farm products will never be much better than they now are till there is a standard fixed for each bushel of potatoes, pound of butter, can of fruit, etc. A pound of butter is a pound of butter in the eye of some people, yet when they sell on a strict market they would meet the same conditions as a man with a bale of stained cotton were he offering it for white or strict muddling. The producer, the middle man, and the consumer by such an agreement can each know just what he is selling or buying. The word has no connection with the commonly known "skin game." The farmer can't exist without the merchant, nor can the merchant exist without the farmer. When each class realizes more fully the dependence of the one upon the other and that the success of either depends primarily on the quality of their product and secondarily upon the per cent realized on a single sale we will be nearer co-operation. There'll be many more before a systematic plan of co-operation is worked in this country, yet it is like a great many other things, the sooner we begin talking it the sooner the plan will be effected.

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## A Second Clean-Up Week for Greensboro.

Last week a "Clean-up" week ended at Greensboro and it was such a success that it has been decided that this week also shall be set apart. In the six days it was found that over 200 oads of trash had been removed from the city in the six days.

## The City Health Officer is urging

the business men to co-operate with the ones in charge, and back lots are being cleaned up in every street. The health of the Greensboro people is no more important than the health of Asheboro citizens. Let's have another "Clean-up" week for our town.