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If parents can make any better investment for their children than providing them with the means of getting an education we do not know what it is. Sometimes people work hard and deny themselves all their lives in order to leave some property to their children. Then it happens all too frequently that these savings of a life time are lost in a few years after those who made them are gone. A good education is a thing that will last for a life time and is therefore a valuable possession. Its value can hardly be measured in dollars and cents.

From time to time friends of the News have been good enough to say that they like the sort of newspaper that we are giving them. We appreciate these kindly expressions very thoroughly whether we deserve them or not. We are trying to publish a newspaper that reflects the important happenings in Carteret county and that will ever strive to advance the interest of our people in every proper way. We have never yet gotten out an issue of the paper which fully satisfied us but we always have in mind the hope that we may do better in the future. The encouragement which the public has given us has made it possible of course, to do what we have done.

**AUS WON OUT.**

The News regrets that Representative Alvah Hamilton saw fit to vote against the proposed new election law. The act was defeated by only one vote and had Carteret's representative supported it the act might have passed. North Carolina's primary and election laws are antiquated and badly in need of amendment. It is said that the only states in the Union that haven't the so called "Australian" system of voting in one form or another, are North and South Carolina. The recently proposed measure was backed by the women's clubs, many of the leading newspapers, prominent Democratic leaders like Josiah Bailey and Josephus Daniels and various other folks but—Aus Watts was against it.

**CONSIDER THE PEANUT.**

Among Carteret's many possibilities for growing truck it seems that the peanut may be entitled to consideration. The peanut grows best in a light loamy soil, of which we have plenty, and where there is a mild climate which we also have. Mr. W. R. White, whose letter appears on this page, believes that our truck farmers could grow peanuts profitably and although not a resident here now, evidently still feels an interest in our section's welfare. The peanut crop of North Carolina is a very large and valuable one but is confined mainly to a few northeastern counties. There seems to be no good reason why Carteret county cannot grow peanuts successfully and since the boll weevil has about put cotton out of the running it might be a good idea to give the peanut a chance.

**BIG CITIES NEEDED IN N. C.**

North Carolina has no very large cities but at the rate of some of them growing she bids fair to have some pretty sizeable ones in the next twenty years. While we think it is better for the State to have a large number of good sized

thriving towns than two or three big cities such as Virginia has, still a few large, metropolitan places would be a great advantage to our commonwealth.

In the first place cities furnish markets for farm produce. City and town folks buy most of the things that farmers produce. If people in the State were farmers they could have a hard time selling their stuff and they would not have the money to build roads and school houses every where as is being done nowadays. The manufacturing towns of North Carolina, like Greensboro, Durham, Winston Salem and Charlotte, are good markets now for the farmers and as they continue to grow they will be still better ones. Another thing the big towns do is to keep some of our money at home instead of allowing it all to go to Norfolk, Richmond and Baltimore. It would be a very fine thing for eastern Carolina if we had a city of a hundred thousand inhabitants. Maybe Beaufort will be that big some day. In the meantime we will just have to do the best that we can.

**A SQUARE DEAL FOR THE CO-OPS.**

The cooperative tobacco association has had a hard fight to get a foothold every since it was first started. Warehousemen and others who saw in it a menace to the large profits which they have been making for years past, have waged a bitter warfare against the cooperative. It also has been charged that the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and the American Tobacco Company are hostile to the association. It seems that an investigation is to be made as to this phase of the matter. The United States Senate has ordered that the methods of these two companies in their fight against the cooperative shall be investigated by the Federal Trade Commission. The cooperative association ought to be allowed a fair chance to see what it can do. Fair competition of course it will have to meet the best way that it can just as any other enterprise must do but such underhanded tactics as have been employed by some of the associations enemies ought not to be allowed. Such things are against the public interest.

The growth and manufacture of tobacco constitute a tremendous industry in North Carolina. Millions of dollars are invested in tobacco farms and equipment and in tobacco factories. Thousands of people get their living out of tobacco in one way or another. North Carolina's high rank in agriculture and manufacturing would not be possible without this lowly weed. Some manufacturers of tobacco and some of the dealers too, have made vast fortunes out of it. A few farmers have made respectable fortunes growing tobacco but the vast majority of them have gotten no more than a bare living from it. The cooperative association was formed primarily to help the farmer and incidentally these have business dealing with him. Its purpose therefore is good and it is strange that any should condemn it except those who have some selfish interest at stake. Still no great movement was ever successfully consummated with out opposition and this fact holds true in this case. It is to be hoped that the embattled farmers will stand by their guns to the last and that the public at large will give their support until the cooperative victory shall have been won.

**PRESS GLEANINGS**

**WANTS ROADS.**

North Carolina is going to get another twenty millions to spend on road building within the next two years. We have been wondering how much of this amount Davie county will get. Out of the sixty five million already spent for roads in North Carolina our county has secured a little less than 14 miles of hard-surface road while some of our neighboring counties have three or four times this amount. 'Tis a pity that Davie hasn't a highway commissioner.—(Davie Record.)

**ONCE AGAIN WE ASK IT.**

Repetitions are tiresome to readers as well as to editors, but it is necessary that we again ask our correspondents and others writing to us to give their names and addresses.

During the past few days we have been forced to cast to the waste basket some excellent news letters, for no other reason than that there were no names attached to them, and we could not determine the authenticity of the items given.

This request is not made in any effort to please ourselves, but to protect our readers and to uphold the standard of news presented. It is absolutely necessary that we know the sender of every news article. Thanks.—(Sampson Independent.)

**JOHNSTON'S SCHOOLS.**

Not every county in North Carolina can boast of six accredited high schools. Johnston should be proud of these schools at Benson, Clayton, Four Oaks, Kenly, Selma and Smithfield that have met the requirements for accredited high schools, thereby making it possible for their graduates to enter college without entrance examinations. The list should be added to until such a school is within reach of every high school boy and girl in the county.—(Smithfield Herald.)

**FISH FIGHTS POPULAR IN SIAM.**

One of the latest curiosities to arrive at the London zoological gardens is a pair of fighting fish from Siam. Normally this fish is quite dull in color, but when another male of the species draws near its body suddenly glows with the most brilliant colors mingled with scarlet, purple and gold.

The two males fight desperately until one or the other gains the victory. The conqueror then parades up and down in all his gorgeous war panoply, which only gradually changes back to the original drab color.

In Siam the breeding of fighting fish is an important industry and large bets are made on the results of fights conducted under rules as stringent as those of cock-fighting. It is not often that a fish comes twice into the arena, because even if victorious he is usually so seriously damaged as to be unfit to fight again.—(Atlantic Fisherman.)

**NEW SCHOOL BUILDING ONLY PRACTICAL PLAN**

To The Citizens of Beaufort: At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Beaufort Graded Schools, held Feb. 27, a plan was adopted for the proposed new High School building. The plan includes thirteen standard class rooms, Superintendent's office, library and other small rooms, also an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 800.

We have studied several plans, but as soon as this one was examined, it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that it meets our requirements and is the best we can get for a reasonable cost. This plan can be built and equipped complete for about \$70,000.00. The Board has decided that, under no circumstances, must it cost more than 75,000.00.

Mr. J. J. Blair, State Supervisor of School House Construction for North Carolina, met with the Board. At the Board's request he made a careful inspection of our present school building and grounds to determine if it is possible to add to this building as a matter of economy. After inspection, Mr. Blair was very positive in his assertion that no money can be saved by adding to the old building, and that it is impossible to add standard class rooms to this building on account of the new State law which requires fire towers. After a most careful study of the situation, it is the unanimous decision of the Board of Trustees that it will be false economy to try to make any additions or alterations to the present building.

There is no adequate auditorium in town where large assemblies can be held. There is a growing demand on the part of the people from the interior of the State for places on the seashore where conventions of various kinds may be held. The auditorium in the proposed new building is large enough to accommodate the average convention. This will make it possible for the town to have many of these gatherings during the summer months, thereby bringing many more people to our town. The benefits from this source alone will amply justify the cost of a new building site, even if nothing is said of the great benefits to the school of ample recreation grounds for school children.

We cannot expect our town to grow unless ample school facilities are provided. We have spent large sums of money on our streets. We have a beautiful town. If we will now provide an adequate school, people will move to our beautiful town and help

us pay its bonded indebtedness.  
U. E. Swann, Chairman  
Beaufort Graded Schools.

Heavy snows have driven elk and deer into the town of Banff, Alberta, where they make the rounds of the homes in search of food, which is not denied them.

**FRIEND BANK BOOK**  
—By—  
James Edward Hungerford

Old Bank Book how often you've BLESSED me;  
To look at you fills me with pride;  
Though "hard times" have often hard-pressed me—  
You've "stuck" like a "pal" by my side!  
No matter what troubles o'er-took me,  
When I was in need of a FRIEND.

Though others were false, and forsook me—  
On YOU, I could always DEPEND!

Your START—I will never forget it;  
The proud day on which you were "born!"  
A bill—I had worked HARD to get it—  
A ten dollar bill, old and worn!

Time's passed since I gave you existence,  
With part of a very small wage,  
But backed-up by toil and PERSISTENCE,

You've proven a BOON, now, With age!  
Though ill-luck has often assailed me,  
And caused me to nearly lose heart,  
You're ONE that has never yet failed me—  
Have helped me to take a fresh start!

Though sickness and sorrow have racked me,  
And troubles have come without end,  
For all of these years have BACKED me,  
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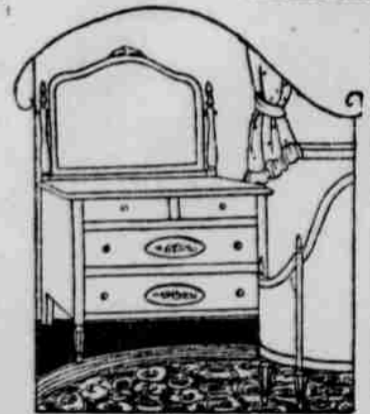
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