

THE DANBURY REPORTER.

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A CHANGE NEEDED IN THE ROAD LAW.

While it is a well known fact that our public road system is a weak thing, and the manner of enforcing it a veritable farce, there is one feature of the law which should certainly be remedied at the next session of the legislature. We refer to the practice of appointing men as overseers who have no conception of the importance of their duties, or who are powerless to enforce them. There are doubtless some good overseers somewhere, but a ride over the main thoroughfares of our county will demonstrate very unmistakably that the majority of these men know nothing and care a great deal less about the comfort or convenience of travel, or the easy transportation of traffic and farm produce. No attention whatever is paid to drainage, grading or any of the common methods which should give us better roads certainly at this season of the year. About the only evidence of a late "working" is a pile of loose dirt here and there, or a few pine brushes thrown carelessly into a hole. There are places in the road less than 3 miles from the court house where the greatest skill in driving is required to prevent breaking your vehicle.

The only way we can ever have good roads is by taxation. But as our people are opposed to this plan, we should try to make the best of the fool law that we are forced to endure, which were attained only by appointing our leading citizens overseers. Building public roads is one of the most important duties of our system of government, because nothing concerns our people more vitally, and we should place the work in the hands of men of good business judgment, men who are interested by their property, and who have home and county pride.

It is a costly error when we leave the public roads in the hands of fellows who are ignorant of the first principles of ditching, and whose sole care is to get through the task as quickly and with as little trouble as possible.

OF MR. PHILLIPS AND MR. VARNER.

By accident, the fact was omitted in the last issue of the Reporter that the N. C. Press Association in session at Asheville a few days since elected Mr. Robt. M. Phillips, of the Raleigh Morning Post, president of the Association, which was peculiarly apropos, as Mr. Phillips is one of the brightest, brainiest, jolliest and most whole-souled newspaper men of the State. We shall expect some good times at the annual meets arranged under his direction. And this is without disparagement to Mr. H. B. Varner, the retiring president, who has done so much for the upbuilding of practical and ideal journalism in North Carolina, and who has more than any other man shaped the Association toward its present high calling.

The Reporter is publishing elsewhere in this issue the program of the Farmers Institute to be held at Danbury on Thursday, July 27. We hope to see a large crowd of the county's representative farmers at this meeting. It will not only be a pleasure and recreation to them, but the new ideas to be learned will be valuable from a monetary standpoint. The basis of our county's progress and prosperity is the well-being of our farming classes. In no other way can they so quickly and effectively reap the best results than in following out the plans that have been found successful by learned and scientific farmers.

THE FARMERS INSTITUTE.

Program of Meeting to Be Held At the Court House July 27.

The morning session will open at 10 o'clock sharp, and afternoon at 1:30.

Subjects for discussion: Corn Culture, by C. K. McQuarrie.

How Shall We Use Our Corn Stover to Get the Most Out of It? By Dr. Tait Butler, State Veterinarian.

Tobacco Culture, by W. A. Petree, of King, N. C.

Farm Poultry, by J. Jeffrey, Poultryman, N. C. Experiment Station.

Crop Rotation, by C. K. McQuarrie.

The Care and Feeding of Farm Work-Stock to prevent Disease, by Dr. Tait Butler.

TO THE FARMERS OF STOKES COUNTY.

The above program is given to indicate the nature of the Institute, but it may be changed or added to, as those present desire. A question box will also be open, into which all are invited to put such questions as they desire discussed. A large number of intelligent questions means an interesting Institute, and special attention will be given to this feature.

The Farmers Institutes are held for the benefit of farmers, and none but strictly farming questions will be discussed. It is, therefore, especially desired that a large attendance of farmers be

secured, and to this end you are urged to be present and to induce your neighbors to do the same.

TAIT BUTLER, Acting Director Farmers' Institute.

A Welcome To Sunday School Delegates.

The towns of Elkin and Jonesville welcome the Sunday School Convention to be held here, Aug. 4th, 5th, and 6th. The committee on arrangement and entertainment are planning to give all delegates and visitors a good time while in our midst. We are only too glad to cheer and help in the great work. We will not only feed you well and talk nicely to you, but pray God's blessing on you and the noble work you represent. Our hands are outstretched to greet you, our hearts and homes are open to greet you. Come! Come.

R. W. Reece, Chairman, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Rev. W. R. Beach, Dan Chatham, W. M. Bell, Miss Mary Ball, Miss Daisy Murray, Miss Mollie Robey, joint committee on entertainment arrangement.

Mr. J. A. Southern Breaks a Leg.

Mr. J. A. Southern, of Pink, had the misfortune to get his leg broken while hauling near his home Thursday. Mr. Southern is one of the leading farmers of his section of the county. His many friends hope he may be out again soon.

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