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OWING to the late continued rains complaint is going up from all over the country about bad roads, and ours are no exception to the general rule.

These conditions will continue to exist until our people learn to realize that the building and upkeep of roads is not a tax, but an investment, and that no money or labor expended for this purpose tends to enhance the value of farm property so surely and rapidly as does that spent for the improvement of public highways.

The other day we expressed the belief that if drags were left with farmers for every mile or two and after a rainy spell they were all put to work with donated, or even hired team, it would work out better than the present system, with only one gang at

work, as they can cover so little road in a given. A gentleman standing by who has lived there remarked that almost every farmer in Illinois owns a road drag and that when weather conditions are like they are here now they keep them running with their own force, and take as much pride in the roads passing their property as they do in cultivating their crops, and that in other states he has seen the same being done.

It is only a matter of higher education among the farmers and a realization of what is really an investment, the same as attractive homes and well cultivated crops.

If this plan works so well in other states, why not here? Suppose our farmers try this out for one year and then pass their o-

pinion upon it.

A Great Day Coming!

Already the people of Plymouth are getting ready to entertain in royal style all the people in Washington County for one day at least, March 30th.

From what we can learn on the streets, that day will find Plymouth the center of attraction for all this section. The Commercial Club, that is taking such an active part in the preparations for the coming event, has instructed its Publicity Committee to extend an invitation to the people of Bertie, Martin, Beaufort, Hyde and Tyrell Counties to come and see what the schools of Washington County can do, and we just know that the people of our sister counties are coming in large numbers. And it does not stop there; for they tell us that lots of people who left the county years ago, are writing to relatives and friends that they hope to visit the county of their childhood on the County Commencement. Let 'em come! Make it a "Home Coming Day" if they like—Plymouth and the people of Plymouth Township will welcome them. Don't wait for your absent friends write you they are coming; stop right now and write a letter or card to that friend or relative, with just these words on it: "Meet me in Plymouth, March 30th."

The Commercial Club, if it has not done so, will appoint a Reception Committee to meet all boats and trains to tell the visitors that every door in Plymouth is open and the password is WELCOME.

CHERRY NEWS.

The teachers of Cherry school attended the teacher's meeting Saturday at Mackeys.

Mr. Wade Woodley who has been taking a few weeks in agriculture at the A. and M. College returned Saturday.

Miss Jennie Ambrose of Plymouth is visiting her sister Mrs. Dewey Phelps.

Miss Estelle Chesson spent Sunday with her parents returning Monday to resume her work in Cherry School.

Mr. J. H. Ambrose of near Cherry and Mrs. Betty McKinney of Elizabeth City were quietly married on Wednesday last at the store of Mr. J. F. Snell.

Rev. W. A. Davis fills his regular appointment at Philippi Church Sunday and was called upon to conduct two funeral services, Mrs. Jim Twiddy of Albenarle and Mr. Chas. G. Ambrose of Weston farm. The burial of Mr. Ambrose was conducted by the C. B. H. of Cherry Lodge No. 6.

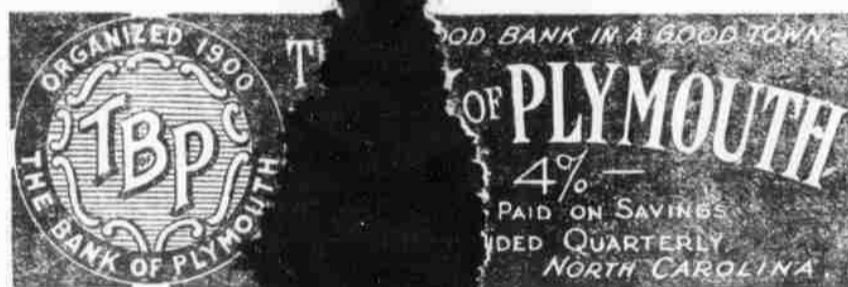
We must think that the ground hog saw his shadow on Feb. 2nd as has not had much chance at it



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