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## IMPORTANT MEETING CITIZENS CALLED FOR MONDAY, FEB. 18.

To All Interested in Public  
Education in Pitt County:

What is possibly the most important gathering held in Pitt County this year will meet in the court house at eleven o'clock on Monday, February 18. This is to be a mass meeting of the earnest, thoughtful, patriotic men and women in the county to consider the crisis faced by the schools of Pitt.

The schools are face to face with a real problem. Teachers are deserting the profession by hundreds in the state. They can get more money and longer terms of work in other lines, and they are leaving us. This already is reaching into Pitt County. Unless we can devise some means to put more money into our schools, many of them will be unable to get teachers at all next year. The war and the consequent economic and industrial changes have laid a heavy hand on the schools systems of the state, and we have not been spared. The young men are going to war. Women are taking their places. They do not have to teach. They can make more at something else.

The situation is serious, the crisis also urgent, that this meeting has been called to see what can be done in this county to keep our schools going next year. The danger is not fanciful, it is real.

I hope every school committeeman in the county and every man and every woman interested in the welfare of the county will attend this meeting on February 18 at eleven o'clock, in the courtroom. No matter what your business is that day, it can hardly be more urgent than this matter.

Respectfully,  
S. B. Underwood,  
County Superintendent.

## FARMVILLE'S GREATEST NEED AS SEEN BY ONE OF ITS CITIZENS

To the thinking and discerning mind, it is perfectly clear that Farmville needs a new school building. The present one is inadequate from every standpoint of school work and efficiency. No argument to this is deemed necessary. Therefore, the purpose of this article is to inform the people of the Farmville school district that in all probability an election will be called to vote a bond issue with which to construct a new school building; also to call attention to some of the most obvious facts why the present building is inadequate.

First, the present building is a splendid firetrap. If fire should treacherously make its way across the stairway of the main building, over two hundred people would be in jeopardy of their lives. The chances are, that the entire number would be seriously injured in the rush in an effort to escape. Bear in mind, the possibility of such is not far fetched, and can never happen, except by the working of some miracle. It may never happen, yet it may occur at any moment. At any rate, the risk is too great to take any chances. Now, some may say, we will remove this danger by fire drills. And some may say the pupils can get out in about fifty seconds. That is true under normal circumstances. But let the real fire occur while teachers and pupils are busy at their work, drill will be forgotten and panic will occur. Such is the history of those schools where almost no fire drills are held. Don't get the idea that fire drills in Farmville will be an exception, or that provisions will move favorably each century just because it is so.

Second, heating facilities are most inadequate to say the least. Too much floor space is occupied by desks and benches. In addition to the inconveniences the room can never be made comfortable to all; some are too warm, while others are cold. As a result, your children suffer with cold and other ills which are wholly unnecessary. Yet these ills impair the health, to some extent, the whole life. Pupils can never do efficient work while they are uncomfortable physically.

Third, the ventilation is not what it should be by eighty per cent. None will attempt to deny that fresh pure air is absolutely essential to good health. All pulmonary weaknesses come from breathing impure air. Now could you say that air in the room which thirty or forty pupils breathe for three hours without any means of ventilation, is wholesome; when the room should be thoroughly ventilated every thirty minutes? Besides being foul the air lacks the proper humidity, which will cause some permanent physical defect to your child. Such air causes the mucous membranes of the throat to become too dry, which will inevitably lead to catarrhal trouble; seriously effect the eyes, making them feel as though they were bursting open, ruin the ear, causing it to ring and produce noises near the drum. And the most common thing that comes from impure air is the headaches, causing the pupil to feel sleepy, and therefore vigor and vitality subside.

Fourth, sanitation is dreadful. Can we say the present building is sanitary? The school, which should be the most exemplary in the display of sanitation and hygiene, is surrounded with filth and garbage that the surrounding community is endangered. Drs. Tyson and Miller, your health officers, have verified this statement. They have gone further and said our school building is not what it should be and is a hindrance to school children to say the least.

Has it ever occurred to you that your school building is a

## FACE the FACTS

LET us face the facts. The war situation is critical. Unless the Allies fight as they never yet have fought, defeat threatens. Hungry nations cannot fight at their best; nor hungry nations, France, England, and Italy are going hungry unless we feed them.

**Wheat Savings.**—They must have wheat. It is the best food to fight on. It is the best to ship. We alone can spare it to them. By saving just a little—less than a quarter of what we are now using—we can support those who are fighting bravely. And we can do it without stinting ourselves. We have only to substitute another food just as good.

**The Corn of Plenty.**—Corn is the king. There's a surplus of it. Providence has been generous in the hour of our need. It has given us a much bounty as was never known before. Trainloads of corn. Five hundred million bushels ever and above our regular needs. All we have to do is to learn to appreciate it. Was ever a little duty made so easy? And so clear?

**America's Own Food.**—Corn! It is the true American food. The Indians, hardest of all to live on it. Our forefathers adopted the diet and conquered a continent. For a great section of our country it has long been the staff of life. How well the South fought on it history tells. Now let us help America win a world war.

**Learn Something.**—Corn! It isn't just food. It's a dozen. It's a cereal. It's a vegetable. It's a bread. It's a dessert. It's nutritious; more so than any other food. It's a dollar for dollar, than meat or any other vegetables. It's good to eat; but you don't know until you've had corn-bread properly cooked. Best of all, it's plentiful and it's plain.

**Corn's Infinite Variety.**—How much do you know about corn? About how good it is? About the many delicious ways of cooking it? About the value it has by not knowing more about it? Here are a few of its uses:

There are at least fifty ways to use corn to make good dishes for dinner, supper, or breakfast. Here are some suggestions:

- HOT BREADS**  
Boston brown bread.  
Biscuits.  
Gingerbread.  
Griddle cakes.  
Waffles.  
Fruit gems.
- HEARTY DISHES**  
Corn-meal croquettes.  
Meat and corn-meal dumplings.  
Italian polenta.  
Tamales.  
The recipes are in Farmers' Bulletin 865, "Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It," free from the Department of Agriculture.

keeping with your progressive spirit. You have pretty homes, far above the average for towns of this size. Larger stores with progressive and wide-awake men owning and controlling them. Wealth, as great, if not greater than any town in the state. On the other hand, haven't you the most dilapidated school building in the state, all things considered? Did you know that

three new school buildings have been built in Pitt county within the last three years? None of them needed them as badly as Farmville. Can you afford for your community to lag in the fundamentals of life? Will you let your civic pride suffer to fall in a state of educational lethargy? Again, your school building is not one that will enlarge the aesthetic faculty of your boys

## PROGRAM FOR FARMERS TO MEET PRESENT CONDITIONS.

1. Increase the corn acreage for eating green, for canning or production to at least 200 bushels for each horse and mule on the farm.
2. Increase the acreage of storage crops from 15 to 50 per cent over past years, growing especially such summer legumes as cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, etc.
3. Plant the best and most prolific seed available and plan to save an abundance of seed for next year.
4. Increase, as far as conditions warrant, the amount of fertilizers used in order that larger yields may be produced.
5. If procurable use labor saving machinery to help out in the matter of scarcity of hand labor.
6. Devote not less than one acre to garden crops, especially such things as Irish and sweet potatoes, cabbage, collards, onions, tomatoes, etc. with a large amount of peas and beans for eating green, for canning and for drying for winter use.
7. Keep your garden occupied with crops throughout the entire year.
8. In the matter of cultivation give first attention to food and feed crops. Increase the yield on all acreage already planted by cultivating level, shallow and frequent.
9. Keep a close watch for all kinds of diseases and insects among your plants and animals and take prompt action to save any crop or live stock that may be attacked.
10. Save the breeding stock; cows, heifers, mares, sows, gilts, ewes, hens and early hatched pullets should not be disposed of but should be kept for the purpose of increasing the amount of livestock on the farm.
11. Increase the number of hens per family to 50 as soon as possible and continue to hatch chickens through May and June.

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## EMINENT LECTURER COMING TO FARMVILLE THURSDAY, FEB. 21

ville, Ky., who comes into this state in the interest of national Prohibition, is a speaker, reformer, orator, soldier and typical Southern gentleman. He has been a fighter from his youth up. As a Virginia boy, he ran away from home to join the famous Stonewall Jackson brigade in the Southern army.

Southern men, and later turned his attention to the common foe of both North and South—the liquor traffic. For nearly 35 years he has been at the front in many of the great battles for Prohibition, and has helped to capture state after state for the dry forces. He has campaigned on the stump for Prohibition, has conferred with legislators, both state and national, and probably knows as much about Prohibition, both general and specific, as any man in America today.

and girls. This faculty should not grow obtuse for the lack of proper environment. In fact, the aesthetic faculty should be considered dominant and superior to any of the other faculties of human life. You may think your home is adequate, doubtless it is, but your child is spending over half its time in school. If the environment is not conducive to the development of its aesthetic side of life, there is danger that it will be impaired permanently.

W. E. JORDAN.  
(Some more next week)

**The Devil Resigns His Job.**  
The Devil sat by a lake of fire. On a pile of sulphur kegs. His head was bowed upon his breast. His tail between his legs. A look of shame was on his face. The sparks dripped from his eyes. He had seen in his resignation to the throne up in the skies. I'm down and out, the Devil said. He said it with a sob. There are others that outclass me. And I want to quit the job. Hell isn't in it with the land along the Rhine. I'm a has-been and a piker. And therefore I resign. Krupp, the ammunition maker, With his bloody shot and shell, Knows more about Damnation Than all the Imps of Hell. Give my job to Kaiser Wilhelm. The author of this war, He understands it better A million times by far. I hate to leave the old home, The spot I love so well. But I feel that I'm not up to date In the art of running Hell.



DR. GEO. W. YOUNG

Dr. Young is a Southern gentleman of the old school. His tank figure and aristocratic features proclaimed his place of residence without any announcement to the effect.

Though now well along in years, he still speaks with all the vigor and fire of youth. His words are those of one who knows exactly what he is talking about and means every word he says.

Dr. Young will speak at the Christian Church next Thursday night, February 21, at 7:30. Don't fail to hear him.

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**1-wheat**  
use more corn

**2-meat**  
use more fish & beans

**3-fats**  
use just enough

**4-sugar**  
use syrup

**and serve**  
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