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NORTH CAROLINA CLUB STUDIES

MORE THAN 1000 STUDENTS

University of North Carolina. The num-crete tank. ber is 32 more than the entire registration Moreover every country home in Malast year.

40 more than in 1914-15.

this year.

This number taxes to the limit the dormitories and the mess hall, along with \$50,000 to lend home owners at 6 per cent the boarding house facilities of the village. upon easy terms of repayment, to abol-More dormitories are necessary.

A \$1000 CHECK

urer of the Class of 1905, placed in the probably the Nation. hands of President Graham the other day a certified check for \$1000: a unique gift from his class to their alma mater.

Its value to the University as an exin coin of the realm.

A GIFT TO THE NEWS LETTER

Class of 1889, has sent in his check for versity News Letter.

How to get the News Letter into the hands of the people who want it and

Mr.'s generous check and his letter of abounding good cheer are timely and helpful beyond measure.

GIFTS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library has been greatly enriched by a gift of books from the library of Dr. Eben Alexander; by bound volumes of The Greensboro News, tax list The News and Observer; and The Charlotte Observer, presented by Mr. A. B. Memorial Collection, given by twentyfive members of the faculty.

the same time Mrs. Bain presented the 1913. card index and annotations in his special investigations in Latin and Greek, and in ple analysis and comparative study of the \$41.44 per acre. Alfalfa hay worth \$4.50 his editorial work upon classical texts.

RAISING VALUES AND LOW-**ERING TAX RATES**

lower tax rates, doubting Thomases to the detail. contrary notwithstanding.

der her new tax laws; and her state tax why! rate decreased 62 per cent or more than three-fifths.

Larger tax revenues are sadly needed in North Carolina.

and if unfairnesses can be removed or partment of Agriculture. lessened within and among the counties of the state.

cured in this way, but tax rates can be more than our tobacco crop.

in proper tax reforms.

A low tax rate attracts investment capital and promotes industrial development, ward independence. as Georgia and Ohio are discovering.

ARBOR DAY PROGRAMS

schools is now required by law in North

Teachers and Women's Clubs can se-Joseph Hyde Pratt, at the University, and 148; or Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Su- have corn to sell locally. perintendent of Public Instruction at Raleigh, for Bulletin No. 22 issued by his office

NEW HANOVER LEADS

During the first week of the University | Every country school in New Hanover year 1051 students were registered at the county has a sanitary closet with a con-

sonboro and New Hanover townships has The Freshman class numbered 325 or toilet facilities. In the United States less than half of the country homes have sur-It looks like 1250 University students face closets; in Orange county, less than a

And new Wilmington has provided ish surface closets and to install flush closets connected with the city sewerage system.

In attention to public sanitation, New Mr. W. T. Shore of Charlotte, Treas- Hanover leads the state, the South and

THE COMMUNITY FAIR

Macon over in Warren county will pression of loyalty far outweighs its value have a Community Fair in early October. The prize list lays emphasis mainly upon vegetables, grains and domestic ani-

The purpose is to stimulate a larger measure of live-at-home farming in Warren. And what more sensible end could

A self-feeding community is soon a self-\$100 to forward the purposes of the Unipermanent farm prosperity.

In 1910 the people of Warren sent out of the county in cold cash \$1,131,000 for graded in sack or bulk and in such quan-farm and pantry supplies more than the titles at any time as their local markets week by week, larger per acre crop

This vast sum held down in the county by home-raised farm supplies would in four years double the farm wealth accumulated in 131 years.

KNOW YOUR COUNTY TAX LIST

phrase at the University. Among other than in crop sales. things it means, know your home county. On a South Dakota farm they have

Ray, a member of the Orange County tic. Andrews of Raleigh; and by the Bain Club at the University, has been studying: For 121 days they pastured hogs on althe recently finished Tax List of the falfa, at the rate of 1815 lbs. of live county; comparing the townships with weight to the acre, and in addition they This collection consists of some 700 one another and noting the changes in fed 2 lbs. of corn per 100 lbs. of live classic legends in Latin and Greek. At total, average, and per capita values since stock.

> tax digests of other counties in the state. a ton in the local market brought \$11.23 discipline in important makers of citizenship.

more important book in any county than peanuts and hardening them up with a the tax book; and no other book that the little corn in the fall is a better propo-It is possible to raise tax values and to people in general know so little about in sition in the South than the alfalfa and

If its contents from year to year were Georgia did it last year under her new familiarly known to the general public its olina in pork production. tax reform laws. Barring one year only, unfairnesses would speedily disappear her state tax rate in 1914 was the lowest and tax payers everywhere would have less and less to complain about.

Ohio's tax values rose to six billion It is good to know what is on your tax two hundred million dollars in 1911 un- list! What changes have been made and

> It is volume of facts varied by interesting romance

LONG LIVE KING CORN

honest taxpayers, if only tax dodgers can year will be 59,600,000 bushels, according Brown used to say with fine scorn. be brought to book in every township to the last estimate of the Federal De-

some ten million dollars more than our ment are spelling out the reasons why. Not only can larger tax revenues be se- cotton crop, and forty million dollars

It is two million bushels more than we \$100 an acre for his 263 acres, before the No honest taxpayer has anything to fear raised last year, and twelve millions more land was cleared, ditched, and otherwise than the crop of 1909.

It is a tremendous stride forward to- \$54,000.

A Dwindling Deficit.

The corn and corn products we need in North Carolina is around 72 million bush-The observance of arbor day in our els a year, or about 12 million bushels more than we are raising this year.

That we have little corn to sell is shown by the fact that only 4 per cent or less of cure excellent programs by writing to Dr. our corn is sold from year to year outside the county in which it is raised. In every Chapel Hill, for Press Bulletins, Nos. 49 community there are good farmers who ly \$552; but his receipts from livestock in the town it is around \$402, while the gently.

Marketing Corn

If they have larger quantities this year to turn into the general trade currents With 50 acres or so in permanent pas-

THE GREATNESS OF A COLLEGE

President E. K. Graham

The greatness of a college depends upon its ability to satisfy the supreme human need of the people and time it

The life and health of a college are not mysterious. Colleges have a way of dying and going to seed; they have a way, as the years go by and take toll of their vitality, of losing their fruitful impulse, and becoming a set of more or less worthy and dignified by-laws.

The great college is the college that supplies the civilization that it serves with a program of guidance—a way out of the difficulties through which the people are trying to find their way, and equips its students to be representative men in the era in which

Colleges have risen to greatness as they have done this, and they have fallen away as they have merely repeated in mechanical routine traditional exercises that are off the key of the master note of their own time.

they ought to send at once for the weekly News Letter, U. S. Department of Agriculture, September 8; or write to Mr. W. tures, 200 acres in grain and forage R. Camp, chief of Co-operative Market crops, and one animal unit to every Bureau, West Raleigh.

As a rule, the nearby merchants prefer food and feed to buy, livestock to sell the to handle Western corn because it comes whole year around, no idle land, steady write for it, has come to be a perplexing farm and pantry supplies more than the demand. They will take our home-rais- yields than his neighbors, abundant maed corn, if it comes to them under sim- nure from his farm animals, and land ilar market conditions; otherwise not.

PROFITS IN PASTURING LIVE-STOCK

It pays to pasture live-stock on farm crops. There are larger profits in the Know-your-home-county is a familiar sale of live stock and animal products

recently been trying this proposition out And so for several weeks, Mr. J. Clyde with scales, bushel measures and arithme-

The hogs were sold at 7 cents a pound

He is blazing the way for a similar sim- on the hoof, and the clear profits were t ton when led to hogs. The corn fed to hogs brought \$1.17 a bushel.

The Bible alone excepted, there is no Pasturing hogs on sweet potatoes and corn proposition in the West-far better!

There is a great future for Eastern Car-

GETTING RICH FARMING

In every community there is a farmer or two who prospers, accumulates wealth and lives comfortably, with a snug balance in the bank; while his neighbors live from hand to mouth, at a poor, lisping, dying rate, as the hymn says.

They oftentimes work as hard as the other man or harder maybe; but they They can be secured without punishing Our corn crop in North Carolina this have 'pore jedge-ment' as Senator Joe

We shall probably always have such farmers with us everywhere, but the farm That is to say, our corn crop is worth practice surveys of the Federal Govern-

For instance, in one farm community a farmer was found who paid from \$45 to One Store for Every Eighteen improved. To-day his farm is worth! there is one store for every 30 people; in into the New York Legislature providing

a half times the average profits of his 64 for every 90 people. neighbors.

How He Does It

Why does he prosper more than the The average is larger in the country nents appear to be hyphenated Americans. cause he is a livestock farmer. To be dant food and fuel. than four-fifths of his income was from family is around \$769. this source alone.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION LETTER SERIES NO. 44

The Library

TELLING THE FOLKS ABOUT State Teachers' Reading Circle. THE SCHOOLS

The county newspaper occupies one of the most strategic points in the firing line against illiteracy and ignorance, and it goes straight from the press

Into the Country Homes

that too often are never entered by the spelled a word during the year. larger papers.

The recent educational editions of feet in their attendance record. "The Wilkes Patriot" and "North-Wilkesboro Hustler" came from the press twelve prizes at State Fair. some weeks ago with suggestive and Hundreds of debates, spelling matchstimulating accounts of the work of the es, and entertainments were held during public schools during the past year. It the year, and these were well attended by

A Fine Service

to bring out this edition in the mid-summer when people are too apt to forget their schools, and to remind them of what has been done for the education of their children.

Some Things Done in Wilkes Teachers Meetings held regularly.

three and a third acres, he had little

getting richer and richer every year. We Need More of His Sort

self-financing farmer; and we must have the value of improved rural carrier an immense increase of such farmers all routes; and \$1,500,000 is now being over the South. We have a few in every spent for this purpose. county; we must have more.

Mr. Himelick learned from the Farm Practices Survey in his county (1) the value of high bred seed (2) the value of orchards properly pruned and sprayed, (3) the value of good farm animals, and the economy in proper feeding (4) the profits in poultry as a side-line and (5) the value of silos. He has learned so much that he has just begun to farm, he care and treatment of tuberculosis cases.

The Federal Government is conducting a Farm Practice Survey in Orange county. What will our farmers get out of it? Much or little?

not exist.

But the number of stores is surprising. And still more surprising is the number but they can be one foundation in deeds of stores in Orange engaged in the an- of social service. Why not? cient business of barter. That is to say, the farmers must take pay for their products in trade, instead of cash. As a result, the farmers go out of the

county in large numbers to trade in Durham and elsewhere, because they can get cash for their products—less perhaps, but

vey discloses 178 stores, as follows: in sent in fulfillment of the plan. the country regions 45, in Carrboro 23, in Hillsboro 52, and in Chapel Hill 53.

one store for every 17 inhabitants; in courses. every 29 people; in Carrboro one for these courses, upon receipt of a post card every 39 inhabitants.

Families

For the town population of the county, the country regions, one for every 267 that the state constitution shall be so In 1913 his clear profits were five and people; in the county-at-large, one store changed as to require all voters to read

> The profits of a store in Orange, as a 18 families upon an average.

rest? Among other reasons, mainly be- regions, because the farms furnish abun-

crops, but his crops were fed to his own family on the farm in North Carolina is stitutions the makers must be able to read livestock. His crop sales amounted to on- around \$72 a year; for the average family and write the English tongue intellisales amounted to nearly \$7,000. More entire expenditure of the average town A chance to learn reading and writing

Many supplementary libraries placed. Many new buildings and much additional equipment provided.

Three local tax elections carried,

General improvement as shown at the County Commencement-by the fact that 143 pupils in the county had not mis-

Six Lundred and forty-seven had per-

Wilkes county pupils won seven of

parents and the public generally.

Letters From Teachers

A special feature of these educational editions was a large number of letters from the teachers telling about their schools, about what had been done, what they hoped to do next year, how the buildings and grounds might be improved and beautified, all written in good Practically every teacher enrolled in spirit and with splendid enthusiasm.

FOUR MORE ALERT COUNTIES

Sixteen miles of improved roadway are being constructed in McDowell county by the Federal highway engineers; and 48 miles of sand-clay and top-soil road in Forsyth, Davie, and Iredell counties.

The Federal Government supplies onethird of the construction fund and the counties two-thirds.

He is a self-feeding, self-supporting, department a half-million dollars to test In 1912 Congress gave the Post Office

> Four wide-awake counties in North Carolina jumped at the proposition and 24 counties in other states

FORWARD MOVING CITIES

The city authorities of New Bern employ a trained nurse whose special duty it is to visit, instruct, and assist in the

Goldsboro and Statesville also have visiting community nurses.

civic authorities or secular organizations? What lovelier thing could the churches STORES IN ORANGE COUNTY of all denominations in any city do than There is everywhere need for dealers in to unite in supporting a trained nurse or merchandise of all sorts, or they could two for the free use of families who can-

Why leave a beneficence of this sort to

not afford \$25 a week for a private nurse? Our churches may differ upon doctrines,

MAKING GOOD

In less than a year more than 40 students have registered for correspondence courses at the State University. This work will begin again in October. So far the students have all done excellent work. Be-For instance, our Orange county sur-

The current year ought to see not less than a hundred students taking advan-That is to say, in Hillsboro there is tage of the college credits offered by these

Chapel Hill one for every 22 inhabitants; The Bureau of Extension, Chapel Hill one for every 22 inhabitants; N. C., will send full information about The Bureau of Extension, Chapel Hill, request.

A PRESSING NEED

A bill has recently been introduced and write the English language.

Great opposition has developed as was whole, must come from the trade of expected, but indications point to a favorable outcome. The most ardent oppo-

The illiterate and the foreign-tongued voters are doomed. If we are to have sure, 200 acres of his land were sown to The trade in groceries for the average sane, intelligent, efficient laws and con-

> must be given every citizen of our com-There is food for reflection in these monwealths. That chance must be provided and supported through public taxes.