

STAY ON THE FARM.

SAVING THE RURAL SOUTH TO THE WHITE RACE.

The Hope of the South is in Having a Great Body of Prosperous, Intelligent, Home-owning White Farmers.

The Progressive Farmer, the most largely circulated farm weekly in the South, printed a notable article last week urging ambitious white tenant farmers to buy land now, and declaring that the whole South must stand together to encourage the development of a class of prosperous small white farmers as the backbone of the country. The big plantations, it declares, hold back progress. The article says:

"We hope we have seen about the last of Southern white farmers leaving the farm to take work in cotton mills. We are anxious to see the manufacturing enterprises of the South build up, but we are more anxious to see the farm lands of the South held by prosperous small white farmers, and to see these small white farmers have their part in the great agricultural awakening now going on.

"Someone has wisely said that in all ages and all countries the men or the classes who own the land sooner or later make themselves the aristocracy of that country. We have not come to this condition so rapidly in America as in other countries, because of the abundance of cheap land resulting from the newness of the settlement and the sparseness of population as yet; but in the long run the history of other countries must be repeated here.

"These thoughts came very forcibly to mind as we rode through a cotton mill village the other day and saw its hundreds of white employes—men, women, and children—who have left the farm to become the homeless hirelings of the cotton manufacturers. The negroes, finding no place in manufacturing for them, are left on the farm and are becoming land-holders in rapidly increasing numbers. Prof. W. E. DuBois, a prominent Georgia negro educator, has just published a map showing that since 1900 Georgia negroes have increased their land-holdings from 850,000 to 1,500,000 acres, and now own within the State of Georgia alone an area larger than the entire State of Delaware.

"Not only this, but the negro children are going to school and developing healthy bodies in the open air and healthy surroundings of country life instead of being shut up in the cotton mills, overworked, under-educated, and poorly developed physically,—as the tendency must be in all cotton mills so long as the Legislatures of the South are too subservient to the less humane mill owners to enact needed laws of restricting child labor in the mills—the less humane mill owners, we say, because there are many thoughtful and far-seeing mill owners who heartily favor stricter regulations.

"Remember, we have no ill will toward the cotton manufacturers; we have no ill will toward the negro. We do realize very strongly, however, that the safety of the South depends upon the presence of a large white rural population. The drift to the towns and the cotton mills not only affects this directly, but also indirectly, because when once the population of a community becomes predominantly negro, the small number of white people left may be forced to move out in order to find sufficient numbers for a society of their own.

"It was a wise saying of James Oliver's, 'Happy is the land that is titled by the man who owns it,' and the great need of the South today is to encourage the holding of small farms by white farmers. We repeat

that we say this in no ill will to the negro—in fact, it should not be necessary for us to say this, because no one else in the South has preached more persistently than we the doctrine that it is the intelligent, prosperous negro who helps, and the ignorant, poverty-breeding negro who makes us all poorer,—but we say this for the good of white and black alike because the best interests of both races demand that the rural South maintain its large white population. Unless this is done the negro himself will not progress as rapidly as he will with white guidance, and unless this is done, the cities of the South must also inevitably go backward.

"We urge every white tenant-farmer, and especially every white man who for any reason is thinking of becoming somebody's hired man in town instead of owning his home in the country, to buy land. The great plantations of the South, for the good of our section as a whole, must be broken up. We must encourage the spirit of home-owning, with every man sitting under his own vine, and fig tree, and we must especially encourage the development of a great class of small white farmers.

"The saving of the rural South to the white race is one of the most important problems now before the people of the Cotton Belt.

"In this connection, there is another thing that ought to be mentioned, and that is the problem of immigration. The Farmers' Union and other Farmers organizations are right in protesting against the coming of large numbers of Italians, Russians, Hungarians, Poles, etc. This would only make a bad matter worse, and complicate matters still further. What would help, however, is the coming of a large number of wide-awake Northern and Western farmers, buying small farms among us and making their farms object lessons in stock raising and other lines of diversified agriculture. These Northern and Western farmers will also set a good example for our Southern people in that they are ready to do any and all kinds of work with their own hands, entirely independent of hired labor. As a Southerner, reared on the farm and a descendant of generations of Southern farmers, we must confess the need of our people at this point, and the help that we would get here from an increased number of wide-awake Western settlers besides the aid they would render in keeping up the balance of population between the two races in the South and preventing the predominance of a colored farm population, which, we repeat would be undesirable for both whites and blacks and ruinous to our section as a whole."

Large Porkers.

The following large hogs have been reported to us since our last issue:

May Bros., of Duans township, killed five which weighed as follows: 460, 381, 232, 230, 220.

W. C. Holmes, of Harris township, killed thirteen which netted him 3,085 pounds.

Mr. S. T. Wilder, two 14 months old weighing 388 and 381.

East Carolina Teachers' Training School Notes.

Pres. Robt. H. Wright attended an educational meeting in Washington, D. C. From there he went to Baltimore and Philadelphia on business connected with the school.

The first Thanksgiving Day of the school was one of joy and brightness to the students. Services were held in the Assembly Hall after breakfast. The students spent the day in singing, playing games, receiving callers and amusing themselves generally. The feature of the day, the big dinner, was greatly enjoyed.

The long delayed dynamo has ar-

rived, so brighter lights are in the near future.

A laundry plant has been installed and is running smoothly.

A glee club of twenty members has been organized and is practicing regularly.

The music department is growing so that an assistant teacher, Miss Annie Lee Davis, of Goldsboro, has been added. It has been necessary to order additional pianos.

A force of hands is at work converting the woods to the rear and side of the buildings into a park.

The young men have organized a literary society which they have named in honor of Gov. Jarvis. The following officers were elected: Pres., J. L. Rawls; Vice Pres., R. L. Jones; Sec. & Treas., D. A. Windham.

A Young Women's Christian Association has been organized. Miss May Jones of Louisburg College assisted in the organization. She made helpful, interesting talks on the history, purpose and work of the Y. W. C. A. The officers are as follows: Pres., Miss Pattie Dowell; Vice Pres., Miss Rosa Guthrie; Cor. Sec., Miss Nellie Allen; Rec. Sec., Miss Jennie Williams; Treas., Miss Agnes Smith.

The school is justly proud of the chemical laboratory which is thoroughly up-to-date and convenient in arrangement. Since the opening of the school Prof. Austin has been busy getting the equipment in place. Now it is complete, the students seem to get much pleasure out of the work.

Election of Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Woodmen of the World, held in the Masonic hall on Tuesday night, after the ceremony of introduction had been given to three candidates, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Consul Commander—J. W. Hollingsworth.

Advisor Lieutenant—J. S. Lancaster.

Banker—S. P. Boddie.

Clerk—J. W. King.

Escort—D. G. Pearce.

Watchman—J. S. Strickland.

Sentry—R. E. L. Lancaster.

Managers—R. H. Davis and M. D. Smith.

Pension Warrants.

Clerk of Court J. J. Barrow, informs us that he has received the pension warrants for the old soldiers, for 1909, and is now ready for them to call and get same. He also requests those who cannot come to send an order for their money by the person who is to get it for them. The number of soldiers and widows in each class and the amount to be paid to them is as follows:

Three first class—\$120.

One second class—\$60.

Three third class—\$48.

Ninety-two fourth class—\$26.

Sixty-seven widows, who receive the same as the fourth class soldiers.

New Pastor Arrives.

Rev. R. W. Bailey, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, and family arrived on last Thursday evening. They were met at the depot by the committee and escorted to the parsonage where everything had been put in readiness by the ladies of the church. Rev. Mr. Baily preached his first sermon to our people on Sunday morning to quite a good sized audience, which was thoroughly enjoyed. There was no service at the Baptist church on Sunday night, and a large crowd at the Methodist church at the evening services was the result when the sermon by Rev. Mr. Bailey was much appreciated by all present.

The editor of the Times joins our entire community in extending a warm welcome to the new pastor and his good family.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. D. P. Boddie and Mrs. L. L. Jovner visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Person returned Tuesday from a visit to Wake Forest.

Mr. D. C. Strickland, of Apex, was a visitor to Louisburg this week.

Mr. Frank Alston, of Charlotte, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Pleasants, Jr.

Mr. J. W. Allen, of Warrenton, spent Sunday with his son, Mr. A. B. Allen.

Mrs. J. M. Person left Tuesday to spend a few days with her people at Avenon.

Mr. J. L. Jackson, of Middleburg, was a pleasant caller at this office the past week.

Mr. John Well, of Wilson, who has been visiting his sisters here returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Elliot Egerton, of Oxford, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with his people here.

Robert Egerton, who has been at Nashville, Tenn., for some time, returned home this week for the holidays.

Mr. O. Y. Wooten, an expert electrician of Charlotte, is in Louisburg making a thorough examination of the electric plant for the town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Massenburg and daughter returned Monday from Durham, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Massenburg's mother, Mrs. Addison Mangum.

House Burned.

On Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock the fire alarm was sounded and it was soon learned that the trouble was at a house near the extreme southern limits of the town, owned by E. N. Dent. The fire department answered the summons immediately and was soon on the scene of the trouble, but as the distance to the fire was so great by the time the companies got there the house was beyond control. The loss was about \$150, with no insurance. The fire department deserve much credit for their quick action and long run.

Steifle—Jones.

We take the following from Wednesday's News-Observer. Both of the contracting parties were formerly of Louisburg:

Monday night shortly before twelve o'clock, Miss Helen Jones, of this city, and Mr. George O. Steifle, of Winston-Salem, were quietly married in the Mansion House, on Blount street, Justice of the Peace H. H. Roberts performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. S. W. Jones, while the groom is a young man of Winston-Salem. They have the best wishes of many friends.

Social Gathering.

On Thursday Night, December the 9th, 1909, the writer together with several others, were fortunate enough to be invited to a social gathering at the old Allen Place, where Mr. Joe John Allen and his wife have resided for many years. We were met at the gate by our genial, generous and hospitable friend and host Mr. Joe John Allen, who is well known not only in our county but through the State. We were taken into the office near the residence and soon made ourselves comfortable by an old fashioned leg

fire which reminded us of the history of the heating apparatus of "Before War Times" to us town folks the plentiful use of the large pieces of wood, seemed extravagant, but we were informed by our host that there was plenty and to spare. We were seen taken into the residence one of those houses which we read about and remind us of the Grand old Mansions, where so many notable gatherings have taken place, before the Civil War. Our hostess, Mrs. Allen soon made her appearance and her guests, were soon made to feel at home by that smile of welcome, and cordial greeting, which is so characteristic of this most excellent lady. After a round of two of conversation we all repaired to the dining room to partake of the delicacies and substantial with which it was laden, consisting of in part, opossum, barbecue, oysters, birds and many other things too numerous to mention. We will not attempt to describe the arrangement of the beautiful table as only an artist could do that, but can simply say that it was beautifully and artistically arranged, and tastefully decorated as no one knows how to do better than our excellent hostess. The way the guests enjoyed their supper must be seen to be appreciated. The writer and our host seemed to have been the only aristocrats at the table as we had two large "Ash Cakes" cooked like our Grand mothers used to cook them. The writer fell in love with one of them and I think our host took care of the other. In these strenuous times no one but Aristocrats can dine on "Ash Cake" with its necessary accompaniments. We wish our host and hostess a long and happy life, and many recurrences of the time we had on December the 9th, 1909.

Two That Got Three.

Gatesville Honor Roll.

The following deserves credit for being on the honor roll of Gatesville School for the month ending December 3rd:

1st Grade—Bertie Hunt, Nobert Mitchell, Beulah House.

2nd Grade—Vivian Whales, Ethel Delbridge.

3rd Grade—Lucile Whales.

4th Grade—Elijah Whales, Harold Harris, Frank Hollingsworth.

5th Grade—Ernest Whales.

6th Grade—Pearle Hollingsworth.

MARY MITCHELL, Teacher

Close for Christmas.

The Louisburg tobacco market will close on Wednesday evening, December 22nd, for the Christmas holidays. The warehouses will not open again for the sale of tobacco until Tuesday, January 4th, 1910.

Stores to Close.

The stores in Louisburg, in keeping with a time honored custom, will close for three days during Christmas in order that the merchants and their clerks may take a little holiday. We make this announcement this week that the people through the country may not be disappointed by calling during this time to make their purchases.

Rev. Mr. Parker Moves to Louisburg.

Rev. A. J. Parker, who was appointed by the Methodist Conference as financial agent of the Louisburg College, and who has been stationed at Dunn, has moved his family to Louisburg where they will occupy the Mrs. Mattie Williams residence on Main street formerly vacated by Dr. H. A. Newell. Our people extend Rev. Mr. Parker and his good family a most cordial welcome to our midst.

Fire at Spring Hope.

On Monday morning just before day fire broke out in a livery stable in Spring Hope and destroyed

practically a whole block. In the property destroyed was the Methodist church and parsonage, Woodard & Copeland's big hotel and several stores, dwelling houses and stables. The loss was a great one for Spring Hope, however the most of it was covered by insurance. A part of this property was that advertised to be sold at auction on last Tuesday. It has been stated that it was thought that the origin of the fire was incendiary.

Perry Hill Items.

The farmers in this section are done hewing their crops and are preparing for Christmas.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Julian Pearce, of Warren county, and took therefore his loving mother who was well known in both Warren and Franklin counties as Mrs. Margaret Pearce. She was a woman who was loved by all who knew her and had given her life to God when quite a little girl. She was eighty-one years of age and had lived a life of service. Her remains were sweetly laid to rest in the old family burying ground about one mile from Rock Springs church in the presence of her children and a large number of friends.

Cedar Rock Items.

Messrs R. Hendrickson, and P. S. Slack, of Trenton, N. J., who have been at Mr. J. B. Glasgow's for the past two weeks, returned to their home Friday.

We are glad to know that Mrs. W. O. Stone, who was hurt by a ball some time ago is improving rapidly.

Mr. Howard Ivey, of Scotland Neck, was in the city Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Williams, of Hilliardston, was up Sunday to see Miss Mabel Stallings—"an awfully long ride through the cold, wonder what's up?"

Mr. Walter Strang, of Mapletown, was on the Rock Sunday.

The best party at Cedar Rock Academy, November, 27th was a success made clear, \$69.56. Mr. Jim Yarbrough, of Nashville, was auctioneer and he was simply fine. One of the boxes ran up to \$9.00—the reason was, a "rival," was here. The success is due to the visiting young men. Only a few of our boys bought boxes. The money was used for getting new desks for the academy.

School closes for the holidays, Wednesday Afternoon, December, 22nd. On that same afternoon the school will celebrate North Carolina day. The public is cordially invited.

With many Christmas wishes for the FRANKLIN TIMES. "Kin"

How to Kill Rats.

Nearly every store is troubled more or less with the rat nuisance. There are many ways to destroy them. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin on the subject that gives many ways for ridding a building of rats. It is bulletin No. 269 and will be sent free to inquirers. A recipe that some farmers have used with good results is this one: "Mix together equal parts of corp meal, granulated sugar and plaster paris. Place this in a dish where the rats and mice run. In another dish fill with fresh clear water. The sugar and corp meal will tempt the rats to eat the mixture, and drinking the water will set the plaster. This recipe is recommended to do the work."

The decorations in the Bandy-Alston Drug store present a very pleasing appearance and serve to remind one that Christmas is very near.