

# THE BEST COUNTY IN THE STATE

WHAT THE RURAL TELEPHONE  
IS ABOUT TO ACCOMPLISH IN  
GEORGIA.

Practically every home in Hancock County, Georgia, will be equipped with a telephone when the plans of the Sparta, Ga., merchants are completed. The farmers are co-operating with their progressive city neighbors in bringing about this improvement. It will be of inestimable value, both to the rural residents and to the merchants. The universal spread of the rural telephone has perhaps never shown a more striking result.

It will be the best of phones, too, that this up-to-date community will have installed. The central exchange at Sparta is an adjunct of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, which, like all other Bell lines, is equipped with the latest improved appliances of the Western Electric Company, the largest manufacturers of telephones and telephone apparatus in the world. This company has already equipped many rural lines in the country surrounding Sparta.

The installation of a county wide service means the annihilation of all distances in Hancock. A farmer may have his home at the extreme end of the county, but he will be able to talk to his brother in Sparta with as little trouble as if the two lived on opposite sides of the same road. Business men whose rural neighbors furnish them trade will have every customer practically at their finger-tips. It is difficult to estimate just how much this improvement will mean, expressed in terms of money, to Hancock County.

The Atlanta Constitution recently commented editorially on the subject, under the heading Getting in to communication, as follows:

Hancock County has taken a step in the direction of progress which others will do well to employ as a pattern.

Instigated by the enterprising citizens of Sparta, there has been set in motion a project which will soon put a telephone into practically every farmhouse in Hancock.

Realizing the importance, not only to the farmers, but to the business interests of Sparta, of such a system of communication covering practically the entire county. Sparta business men raised a fund for the purpose of building rural telephone lines and bringing them into connection with the city system.

From this fund approximately half of the expenses of constructing the lines will be paid, the farmers paying the other half and cost of installing their telephones. It is, therefore, purely a local enterprise, which has for its object intercommunication of the entire county in general, and centralizing the county's business at the county seat, in particular.

Both the citizens of Sparta and the farmers of Hancock are making a good investment; the farming interests will do their trading at home, instead of going into the adjoining county.

But aside from that, the people of the whole county will be brought, socially and commercially, into closer harmony and unity. They will have at hand means of rapid communication, not only among themselves, but with the outside world.

The value of the rural telephone is not problematic; it has

been demonstrated and its proven worth is vastly more than its small cost.

Hancock County has gone about it in the right way.

It will result not only in material advantage to the individual citizens of the county but in broadening of view and of sphere of activity which are important community assets.

There should be no county in the State without its rural telephone service.

It is not only an indication of progress, but it is a positive factor in continued advancement and growth.

Spartans are already boasting that when the improvement is completed they will have the best county in Georgia.

A fund of \$500 has been raised to aid farmers in purchasing the necessary equipment for telephone lines, to be built into the city and connect with the telephone exchange there. The committee in charge of raising the fund met with every possible encouragement, and it was declared at the time that an additional \$500 could be easily raised if needed. Seldom has any movement been given such an enthusiastic reception. The farmers in the section around Sparta were intense in their desire to secure telephone service in the home and eliminate the burden of isolation.

In less than a month after the fund was raised plans were made for the construction of several telephone lines, and almost one hundred telephones were added to the system. Inquiries came to the committee from all sections of the county, and the movement is yet in its infancy.

The matter was taken up by the city early last March, when a number of enterprising citizens realized that if the farmers' homes were connected with Sparta by telephone it would result in centralizing their interests in that city and would insure business that might otherwise go elsewhere. It meant a great deal to the business men in the city and to the farmers. A mass meeting was called, and a committee appointed to secure subscriptions to the fund. In the course of a few hours \$500 was raised. A second mass meeting was called, and the following section was reported:

The committee, consisting of Mayor J. D. Bennett, W. H. Burwell, M. L. Duggan, George White, Robert Holmes and R. E. Wheeler, appointed to solicit subscription from the business houses of Sparta, to be collected as needed, having reported that they had raised \$500, it was ordered that said sum be paid out on approval of said committee to encourage and aid in the construction of farmer's telephone lines to be connected with the Central Exchange at Sparta and leading along approved routes in the county at the rate of \$10 per mile. It is understood that amounts so paid out on lines approved by said committee, are to be in the nature of a bonus to such lines for the purpose of encouraging a systematic rural telephone system centering at Sparta.

Farmers' telephone lines rarely cost more than \$25 per mile, so that the bonus of \$10 per mile is an important item. A prominent citizen in discussing the matter declared that the action of the city marked an epoch in Georgia, and was one of the most progressive steps ever taken by a southern city.

The telephone is as essential to the farmer as to the business man in the city, he said. The lines in rural districts are a sign of progress and prosperity. The time when it was necessary for the farmer to waste time driving to the city to attend to trifling matters, and when the farmer's wife was isolated from her neighbors and friends, is past. Modern science has made it possible for the farmers to have efficient tele-

### Trinity College

Four Departments—Collegiate, Graduate, Engineering and Law. Large library facilities. Well-equipped laboratories in all departments of Science. Gymnasium furnished with best apparatus. Expenses very moderate. Aid for worthy students. Young men wishing to study Law should investigate the superior advantages offered by the department of Law at Trinity College.

For catalogue and further information, address  
D. W. NEWSOM, Registrar,  
Durham, N. C.

phone service in his home at such a low cost that there is no reason why every progressive farmer should not have a telephone in his home.

## POPLAR BRANCH NEWS

Popular Branch, Aug. 9.—Our farmers are very busy digging sweet potatoes and shipping them to the Northern markets. So far they have been selling for a good price.

Our corn crop has been cut off one-half by the heavy rains during June, July and so far in August.

One of our old friends, Mr. Wm. Bray of Currituck has been in our town for the past week.

It seems that everybody was glad to shake hands. Come again Wm.

Mr. Joseph Baum of Palmer Island Club is over to spend a night with his son.

Mr. T. G. Poyner of this place died about ten days ago.

Mr. W. A. Doxey and G. W. Twiford took a trip to Norfolk last week and report having a good time.

The Wedding Bells are ringing loud. Mr. Hines it is stated will wed Miss Bettie Jones, Sept 1st.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Mark Gregory is going to leave us. He is going to move to Virginia.

### GOODBY! GOD BLESS YOU!

I like the Anglo-Saxon speech  
When I was leaving mother  
It takes a hold and seems to reach  
Way down into your feelings.  
That some folks deem it rude I know  
And therefore they abuse it,  
But I have never found it so,  
Before all else I choose it.  
I don't object that men should air  
The Gallic they have paid for  
With Au revoir, Adieu, ma chere,  
For that's what French was made for,  
But when a crouny takes your hand  
At parting to address you  
He drops all foreign lingo and  
He says: Goodby! God bless you!

I love the words perhaps because  
When I was leaving mother  
Standing at last in solemn pause  
We looked at one another  
And I—I saw in mother's eyes  
The love eternal as the skies,  
Whatever fate befell me,  
She put her arms about my neck  
And soothed the pain of leaving.  
And, though her heart was like to break,  
She spoke no word of grieving.  
She let no tear bedim her eyes,  
For fear that might distress me;  
But kissing me, she said goodby  
And asked our God to bless me.  
—Engene Field.

## YOUNG MEN, LEARN TELEGRAPHY

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS ARE IN  
GREAT DEMAND!

Boys, this is your opportunity to learn a first-class trade that pays a good salary every month in the year. There will be a greater demand for Telegraph Operators this fall and Winter than there has been for many years past. The prominent railroads of the South and other parts of the United States are writing us to qualify as many young men of good character for their service as we possibly can. We trust that the reliable, ambitious boys of the South will rally to this golden opportunity. Our students qualify for service in only four to six months. We guarantee positions. Graduates begin on \$45 to 65 per month; easy and pleasant work; permanent employment; rapid promotion.

Our tuition is reasonable; board at low rates; Newnan is extremely healthful; fine climate, excellent drinking water. Write at once for our new illustrated catalog. A letter or postal will bring it. IT IS FREE.

SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF TELEGRAPHY, Newnan, Georgia.


### Trinity Park School

A First-Class Preparatory School  
Certificates of Graduation Accepted for Entrance to leading Southern Colleges.

Best Equipped Preparatory School in the South.

Faculty of ten officers and teachers. Campus of seventy-five acres. Library containing forty thousand volumes. Well equipped gymnasium. High standards and modern methods of instruction. Frequent lectures by prominent lecturers. Expenses exceedingly moderate. Eleven years of phenomenal success.

For catalogue and other information address  
H. M. NORTH, Headmaster,  
Durham, N. C.

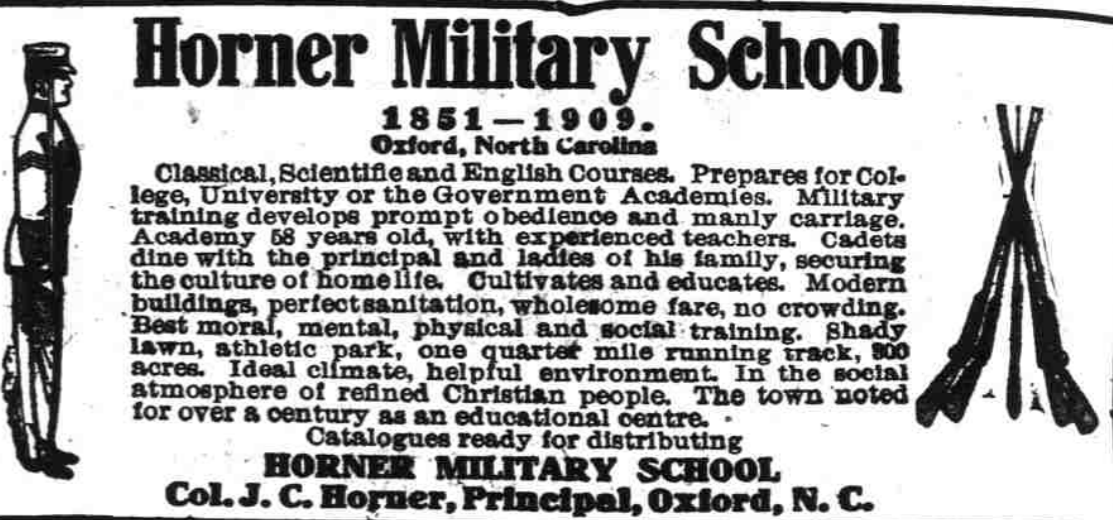


### THE BLACKSTONE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Established in 1884. The aim of the school is clearly set forth by its motto:  
**MOTTO:** Thorough instruction under positively Christian influences at the lowest possible cost.  
The school was established by the Methodist Church, not to make money, but to furnish a place where girls can be given thorough training in body, mind, and heart at a moderate cost. The object has been so fully carried out that as a result:  
**RESULT:** It is to-day, with its faculty of 22, its boarding patronage of 300, and its building and grounds, worth \$140,000.

**THE LEADING TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN VIRGINIA.**

**\$150** pays all charges for the year, including the table board, room, lights, steam heat, laundry, medical attention, physical culture, and tuition in all subjects except music and elocution. Apply for catalogue and application blank to  
REV. JAMES CANNON, JR., M. A., Principal, Blackstone, Va.



### Horner Military School

1851-1909.  
Oxford, North Carolina

Classical, Scientific and English Courses. Prepares for College, University or the Government Academies. Military training develops prompt obedience and manly carriage. Academy 28 years old, with experienced teachers. Cadets dine with the principal and ladies of his family, securing the culture of homelife. Cultivates and educates. Modern buildings, perfect sanitation, wholesome fare, no crowding. Best moral, mental, physical and social training. Shady lawn, athletic park, one quarter mile running track, 800 acres. Ideal climate, helpful environment. In the social atmosphere of refined Christian people. The town noted for over a century as an educational centre.

Catalogues ready for distributing  
**HORNER MILITARY SCHOOL**  
Col. J. C. Horner, Principal, Oxford, N. C.

### BINGHAM SCHOOL

1793 1910

FOR 116 YEARS boys have been prepared for COLLEGE and for LIFE, and have been trained to be MEN at THE BINGHAM SCHOOL. Ideally located on Asheville Plateau. Organization: MILITARY. Discipline, conduct and carriage. Boys expelled from other schools not received. A VICIOUS boy sent home as soon as discovered. Hazing excluded by pledge of honor. Limited to 136. Rates reasonable. Address COL. R. BINGHAM, Sup't., R. F. D., Box 55, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

## LITTLETON FEMALE COLLEGE

One of the most successful and best equipped boarding schools in the South with hot water-heat, electric lights and other modern improvements. 28th annual session will begin Sept. 15, 1909. For catalogue address J. M. RHODES, President, Littleton, N. C.

---

### EAST CAROLINA Teachers' Training School

Established and maintained by the State for the young men and women who wish to qualify themselves for the profession of teaching. Buildings and equipment new and modern. Sanitation perfect.

**SESSION OPENS OCTOBER 5th, 1909.**

For prospectus and information, address ROBT. H. WRIGHT, President, Greenville, N. C.

## NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Harry K. Wollcott and Hugh M. Keer, Receivers.

### INAUGURATION OF PULLMAN SLEEPING CAR SERVICE

Between  
Greensboro, N. C., Morehead City and Beaufort, N. C.  
In Connection with Southern Railway

AND

### Parlor Car Service Between Goldsboro, Morehead City and Beaufort, N. C.

TO TICKET AGENTS, CONDUCTORS AND THE PUBLIC:  
This is to advise that commencing TUESDAY JUNE 1st, 1909 Sleeping Car Service will be inaugurated between Greensboro, N. C. Morehead City and Beaufort, N. C. on the following schedule:

Sunday Only	Daily, Ex. Sun.	Daily Ex. Sun.	Sunday Only
12.45 a m	12.45 a m Lv.....	Greensboro (So. Ry.).....Ar 6.00 a m	6.00 a m
2.50 a m	2.50 a m Lv.....	Durham (So. Ry.).....Ar 3.19 a m	3.19 a m
4.30 a m	4.30 a m Lv.....	Raleigh (So. Ry.).....Ar 11.59 p m	11.59 p m
6.30 a m	6.30 a m Ar.....	Goldsboro (So. Ry.).....Lv 9.45 p m	9.45 p m
7.00 a m	7.00 a m Lv.....	Goldsboro (N. & S. Ry.).....Ar 9.30 p m	9.15 p m
8.00 a m	8.00 a m Ar.....	Kinston (N. & S. Ry.).....Lv 8.30 p m	8.15 p m
9.20 a m	9.15 a m Ar.....	New Bern (N. & S. Ry.).....Lv 7.15 p m	7.00 p m
10.50 a m	11.00 a m Ar.....	Morehead City (N. & S. Ry.).....Lv 5.37 p m	5.35 p m
11.15 a m	11.25 a m Ar.....	Beaufort (N. & S. Ry.).....Lv 5.15 p m	5.115 p m

West Bound  
Wilmington, N. C. Section 1.  
Goldsboro, N. C. Sections 2 and 3  
Beaufort, N. C. Sections 4 and 5  
Morehead City, N. C. Drawing Room and Sections 9 and 10  
Raleigh, N. C.—Balance of Space.


ASSIGNMENT OF SPACE  
East Bound  
Charlotte, N. C. Sections 1 and 2.  
Salisbury, N. C. Section 3  
Greensboro, N. C.—Balance of Space.

PARLOR CAR SERVICE  
Commencing TUESDAY JUNE 1st 1909, Parlor Car "Vance" will be operated between Goldsboro, Morehead City and Beaufort, N. C. on the following schedule:

Sunday Only	Daily, Ex. Sun.	Daily Ex. Sun.	Sunday Only
3.35 p m	4.50 p m Lv....	Goldsboro.....Ar 11.45 a m	11.40 a m
4.35 p m	5.50 p m Lv.....	Kinston.....Ar 10.43 a m	10.38 a m
5.50 p m	7.18 p m Lv.....	New Bern.....Ar 9.20 a m	9.20 a m
7.20 p m	8.47 p m Ar.....	Morehead City.....Lv 7.47 a m	7.45 a m
7.40 p m	9.10 p m Ar.....	Beaufort.....Lv 7.25 a m	7.25 a m

Rates for seats in Parlor Car will be as follows, which is in addition to regular first-class fare.  
For Distance of Seventy-five (75) miles and under, Twenty-five cents  
For Distance of over Seventy-five miles, Fifty (50) cents.  
Tickets should be purchased from train conductor.

OPENING OF THE ATLANTIC HOTEL  
Morehead City, N. C.  
The "Atlantic Hotel" Morehead City, N. C. will be opened for the season June 1st 1909. Agents and Representatives will please give the above all possible publicity.  
ISSUED MAY 24TH, 1909  
H. C. HUDGINS, General Passenger Agent Norfolk, Virginia.



## Put a Bull Behind the Bars

We call especial attention to the hinge joint at each intersection of stay with main bars.  
This is the essential of every good wire fence. Unless the stay has a hinge joint the fence cannot receive pressure from contact and right itself.

### AMERICAN FENCE

Is made with a hinge joint, by which the maximum of elasticity is secured and the fence if properly stretched, remains in place indefinitely. With the hinge joint, no amount of strain on the bars can effect the connection of stay and bar.

## ELIZABETH CITY BUGGY CO.