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Polk Grand Jury Report

To the Honorable J. Will Pless, Jr., Presiding Judge in the Superior Court, Polk County, North Carolina:

We have inspected the County Jail and found the building in good condition with the following exceptions—

The metal work of the cages and interior of the building is in need of painting. We recommend a larger hot water tank to be provided in the kitchen and safety valve installed as there is some danger from overheating as now equipped. We also recommend all joints and pipes of the plumbing around the stove be checked and corrected where needed.

We believe the prisoners are being suitably cared for.

We inspected the State Prison Camp and found it in a most excellent condition, with a large quantity of home grown food on hand with which to feed the prisoners.

We visited the County Home and found the outside premises neat and clean. The inside of the houses was found in good shape except possibly the wash basins and toilets might be kept in a little better shape. The houses need painting inside and out. The kitchen was visited and found to be very clean, with apparently a good dinner on the stove in preparation.

The office of the Clerk of Superior Court was visited and we were assured by the Clerk and his assistant that all reports of magistrates, mayors, and guardians were in good shape and up-to-date.

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Polk County Farmers Self Examination

Grade yourself to see if you make a passing grade:

1. Have you plowed down or destroyed all cotton stalks to kill boll weevil?—10 points.

2. Are you securing your next summer's wood by properly thinning out poor and crowded trees?—10 points.

3. If you have fruit trees, have you already pruned them and burned the brush?—10 points.

4. Have you made arrangements to get seed for sowing all your wheat and other small grain land to lespedeza?—10 points.

5. Have you culled your hens carefully and feeding the good hens mash to get more eggs?—10 points.

6. Have you gathered all the scrap metal around your place to sell for National Defense?—10 points.

7. Have you made a careful check and repaired or ordered repair parts for all machinery or tools?—10 points.

8. Do you have the majority of the land turned that you expect to plant to summer crops?—10 points.

9. Have you bought garden seed and planned to have the best possible garden you can?—10 points.

10. Have you made a good pasture and made plans to produce plenty of good legume hay which produces abundance of cheap milk?—10 points.

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