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## A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG MAN ON THE FARM

**Instead of Trying to Equip Yourself For "Business," Put the Same Time and Effort in Agricultural Education, and Your Success Will Be Far Greater--Suggestions You Ought To Consider.**

Mr. Editor:

The world is to-day full of young men and boys who are trying to equip themselves for some life work so as to be able to compete for their opponents or would be opponents. They realize that the time is now here when progress in life necessitates the very best of equipment for whatever vocation they pursue. And, yet, while this is the case, it is a sad fact that so many young men think the best way to acquire this necessary equipment is to go off and take what is known as a "business course." There are a good number of boys, a great many of whom are very young, who fill the business colleges of our country every year to overflowing, and who think that they are fitting themselves in the very best way possible to make the greatest success in life.

### THE INDEPENDENCE OF FARM LIFE.

The reason I call this a sad fact is because so many of those same boys make such miserable failures, fall so far short of their expectations; are so badly disappointed. They think that they are doing the best and wisest thing for themselves. They do not realize the fact that they are preparing themselves to act as slaves, but nevertheless they are.

Where some...

gricultural college and get an education that offers a greater opportunity to make success and at the same time affords you more pleasure than any other business can possibly offer you?

If more of our young men would decide to get an agricultural education and turn their attention to the farm, we would see fewer failures in the business world.

Improved agriculture is what we need; what the world seems to be calling for. Everything seems to say to the young men of our country: "Young man, get an agricultural education and turn your attention to farming, for this is what we need; the kind of men the world is looking for."

### INCREASING DIGNITY OF FARMING.

I am afraid the reason that more of our young men are not entering this successful field is because they look on farming as somewhat degrading and inferior. But I am glad to say that, in this, they are very much mistaken. Farming is fast coming to the front; is fast gaining on all other industries and occupations, and the time is near when it will be looked at as the best and most successful, as well as the most honorable occupation to be considered by a young man seeking a life work.

There is many a man doing

### Text Books Selected Tuesday.

The following books were adopted by the State text book commission for the next five years: Histories: "Beginner's History of the United States," White, American Book Company; "Chamber's Higher History of the United States," University Publishing Company; Readers—"G r a d e d Classics," first and second, B. F. Johnson Publishing Company; "Classics Old and New," third, fourth and fifth, University Publishing Company; arithmetics—Johnson's series, primary, intermediate, and advanced, B. F. Johnson Publishing Company; language and grammar—Ryan's "Lessons in English Book 1," D. C. Heath & Co.; "Our Language, Book 2," Smith, B. F. Johnson Publishing Co.; Buehler's "Modern English Grammar With Composition," Newson & Co.; geography—"Maury's Elementary," "Maury's Complete," University Publishing Company; spelling—"A Spelling Book," Fost & Griffin, Alfred Williams & Co.; physiology—"Lippincott's Physiology," three-book series, J. B. Lippincott & Co.; drawing—Webb and Ware's "Practical Drawing," Webb and Ware's writing—"The Natural System of Vertical," D. C. Heath & Co.; "The Old North State Copy, Models," North State Publishing Co.; "Smithdean Writing Book, Slant," B. F. Johnson Publishing Co.; agriculture—"Agriculture for Beginners," Hill, Burke and Stevens, Ginn & Co.; dictionaries—"Webster's Primary," "Common School," "High School," "Academy," American Book Co.

The adoption of text books on civics and on North Carolina history was postponed.

### Rural Hall Building Notes.

The directors of the new Commercial and Farmers' Bank at Rural Hall have elected the following officers: President, Dr. S. S. Flynt; Vice President, J. C. Lawrence, and Cashier, Ellis E. Shore. Material is being placed on the bank's lot on Main street preparatory to the erection of a brick building 20x58 feet. Work on the building will be commenced at once and it is the purpose of the company to complete the building and begin business not later than November 1st. The stockholders comprise the leading business men of Rural Hall and the surrounding country. The paid in capital of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank will be \$5,000.

The new brick two-story structure that is being erected by the enterprising mercantile firm of Lawrence & Payne will be completed in thirty days. This firm will carry a larger line of goods than ever before. It will be remembered that this firm's old store with stock of goods was destroyed by fire in March of this year.

### DANBURY ROUTE 1.

Danbury Route 1, Aug. 28.

Farmers are very busy cutting and curing tobacco in this section. Mrs. Will Oakley has a very bad felon on her finger, and also Mr. Pleas Oakley is on the sick list.

Mr. Willie Covington and his cousin, Miss Nannie, visited at Mr. P. H. Young's Saturday and Sunday.

Say, Miss Carrie, did Mr. Robt. H. call to see you Sunday?

## THE SITUATION IN REGARD TO POLL TAXES

**A Statement From Mr. J. D. Humpreys, Showing That Only 157 Failed to Pay this Year Before May 1st, Against 373 Two Years Ago-- Democrats 200 Votes Better Off Than Two Years Ago.**

Danbury, Aug. 30.

Mr. Editor:

I have had numerous inquiries concerning the statistics with regard to poll taxes, and the payment of the same in Stokes county. With your permission, I will endeavor to give what information I can through your newsy and interesting paper.

In 1903 there were 2,566 polls in the county against whom taxes were assessed. There were only 2,465 polls assessed for taxes in 1905, which makes 101 more polls in the county subject to taxation two years ago than now. Two years ago the Sheriff returned that 2,093 persons had paid their poll taxes on or before May 1st. This year he returned that 2,208 persons had paid them on or before said May 1st. There were listed two years ago 473 polls which were not paid on or before May 1st. This year there were listed 257 polls which were not paid on or before May the first. From the most reliable information, I am satisfied that each one of these lists of 473 and 257 respectively contains at least 100 names of persons who have removed, dead or are taxed erroneously in various ways. So that the year 1905 was only 373 votes better off than 1903.

## Briefs Adrift.

Mr. Thos. S. Petree spent Sunday visiting at Smith.

Dr. S. A. Moir, of Francisco, was among the visitors here Monday.

Mr. Thos. King, of Roanoke, spent Sunday night at Piedmont.

Miss Mary Taylor left Monday to enter school at Guilford College.

Mr. Y. S. Smith, of Germanton Route 1, was a visitor here Monday.

The fall term of Stokes Superior Court convenes September 24th. Judge Ward will preside.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Neal, of Monroe, spent the past week with relatives here and at Meadows.

Messrs. A. J. Fagg, Alvin Blair and Ham Mabe attended the Robinson circus at Winston Monday.

Mr. Samuel Stewart, who has been confined to his bed with sickness for a few days, is out again.

Rev. Mr. Williamson, pastor of Burkhead M. E. Church at Winston, spent the past week at Winst.