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### Crops Looking Well In the Oak Grove Section--Other News.

Oak Grove, Route 2.—The dear old Reporter visits our home every week, and I like to read it. I don't see why it should not visit every home in Stokes, as it is the best county paper I know, or among the best.

The farmers in this section are wearing long faces, as the wet weather has put them behind with their work.

The wheat crop looks well, and promises a good yield at harvest.

The tobacco crop is about half planted. Corn is looking well so far, what the crows left. But I'm afraid the grass will choke it out, if the wet weather continues.

The Irish potato crop is good and coming into use. The crows can be seen in the patch every morning scratching.

Mrs. Dr. S. F. Tillotson visited relatives at Oak Grove the past week.

Misses Laura Powers and Rozella Gentry visited at G. W. Smith's the past week. Also Mrs. M. D. Hamm and children.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tillotson, a little daughter.

Tax lists will soon be here. Price your property before then, so it will not take so long. We have known it to take half an hour for one man to price his mule with the help of two or three others. This is wasting time, and hindering others in their time.

Mr. T. W. Gentry and sister, Miss Rozella, attended commencement at Booneville, returning Saturday night. They report a nice time.

SCRIBBLER.

## Hardbank's Hustling Merchant has received

Fifty \$2.00 Sample Umbrellas, which he is offering for only \$1.00 each.

He has the prettiest line of Samples and Mill Ends of Dry Goods in the country and his prices are right.

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Yours for business,

**W. P. NELSON,**  
Danbury, N. C., Route 1.

### THE SUBJECT OF FREE SCHOOLS.

A Correspondent of the Reporter Discusses the Matter At Length and Defends the Teachers.

Dillard, May 24.

Messrs. Editors:

As the subject of "free schools" is being discussed and our teachers are seemingly being abused, I desire to say a few words in their defense. I have taught some myself and my heart is in sympathy with them.

We are forced to think that "C. E. L." and young Bowman are very, very hard on the public school teachers. They seem to think that every defect in the public school system of Stokes county lies in its poor teachers. I think that it is a serious mistake.

Indeed I admit that our schools are sadly in need of improvement, but I do think it is so silly in people trying always to find fault in teachers. Of course they belong to Adam's family, and have their faults like other people. The teacher who has no failings, who does everything just right and never makes a mistake, does not dwell here on earth. She is in heaven.

I think under the existing circumstances that the public schools are doing fairly good work and are improving each year as any one but a pessimist will admit. Of course as I said, they need improvement, but if patrons would try half as hard in all they say and do to help their teachers and build up their schools as they do to discourage them, we would have better schools. I wonder how many people who are howling about Stokes schools and teachers ever stop to consider the inducement there is in entering a Stokes school house to teach a public school.

C. E. L. says that most every district has good houses and poor teachers. I do not know of a modern public school-house in the county, and if there is one that is comfortable in the winter, I do not know of it. Neither is there necessary furniture in them. Right here at Dillard, C. E. L.'s post office, there is just one very common room and it poorly furnished, for two teachers to work in, while the census for last year numbered 119 children, and the enrollment for last winter was 103.

The principal here gets \$30.00 and the assistant \$18.00 per month, not enough to pay board and expenses for a year, for one teacher. Isn't that poor inducement to the girl who is contemplating teaching in Stokes county! Evidently there are a great many incompetent teachers in the county, but they are doing the best they can, and when they become better equipped, as most of them are trying to do, they are going to leave our county and go where they can demand high salaries and work in nice, comfortable, and well furnished school-houses. No teacher who prepares herself as she should be is going to sit down in a shabby, non-furnished house to work for \$30.00 per month when she can go to some other adjoining counties and work in a modern school building for from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per month.

But there are scores and scores of people who will say that building good school houses and paying teachers what they should have is all a waste of money. It may be true, but Stokes county will never have much better public schools until such is the case.

If we even have good schools like the sister counties, we must all go to work as the other counties have done and we can certainly do it. Every one should get his shoulder to the wheel and push and no one pull back. Stokes county could build up high schools, just as other counties are doing if she would only try. It is to be sincerely hoped that she will do this in the near future.

Our people have just never

been worked up to the great need of education. They need to get on a great educational boom.

There are many parents, and good people too who think that it isn't necessary to get much training for life. They never had the privilege of much themselves and have, as they think, been as successful as if they had been educated. But oh! there is a greater need for educating the children now than ever before. Education goes a good deal farther than fine clothes. How awkward it does seem for a boy or girl who is so careful as to wear fine dressing, patent leather shoes etc., and is completely lacking in refinement and training. They haven't that ease of manner when they go into society. They are a bore to those around them—all because of that lack of training. Better wear homespun clothing if one is educated and refined than to go into society with fine clothes and untrained. Education consists of a good deal more than merely learning to read and write. It is a broadening of the mind in every way possible to reach out for higher ideals of life. What great things those little "back-woods" boys and girls might accomplish if they were only properly trained and their little minds developed. Those little minds are simply starving for food, but their parents do not think of that. If they clothe them and furnish food for their bodies, they think that is sufficient. How well the poet pictures this:

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

The only way for Stokes county to improve her schools is to vote a tax especially for that purpose. But the word "tax" scares the people so badly that it isn't safe to talk about it much. It has been said that one can take a tax book and run every North Carolinian out of the State. Whether that be true or not—a North Carolinian hates taxes. We must not forget though that we got this principle honestly, for we inherited it from our old forefathers of Revolutionary times. Our State was the first to resist the cause of England all on account of high taxes demanded by her, when we had no money at all to pay them.

So our people hated taxes then and taught their babes to hate them. Things are different now though and taxes are for our immediate good. People should stop to consider that the counties and States paying most taxes have better schools, better roads, and are more prosperous in every respect than those which pay less tax.

When our schools are improved there will be one thing more needed than improving the teachers and that is compelling the people to send their children to them, if they will not do it otherwise.

Our State has always been slow to make changes, but when it does see its path of duty, or of progress it is unsurpassed in its quiet way of walking in that path without faltering.

While we have such men at the head of our government as we have, and such an able State Superintendent, and county Superintendents, all working for the great cause of education there are sure to be great things accomplished.

One other factor is that people must all unite and help themselves. "In unity there is strength." Patrons should be in sympathy with the teachers and the children should be taught the same.

We sincerely hope to see the time in the near future when our schools will be better and that every little boy and girl will get the benefit of them.

### A WORD FROM COL. GALLOWAY.

He Suggests Some Reasons Why Hon. R. D. Reid Should Be Nominated For Congress.

Madison, May 25.

One word to my brother farmers of Stokes county recommending Reuben Reid to their attention as a candidate for Congress. It is never a discredit to a man to come of honored and honorable ancestry. Reuben's father, Governor Reid, was all his life a true and steadfast friend to the people of North Carolina. Party feeling ran high in his day, but even his political opponents never charged him with dishonest or dishonorable dealings. Reuben is like unto him. Not even his bitterest enemy will charge him with keeping money not legitimately his.

In his first public service in the Legislature of 1907 he brought forward a Trust Bill, intended to benefit the farmers. It was bitterly opposed, and failed to pass. It is claimed by its friends that it scared the Trust and caused them to put up the price of tobacco so as to prevent any more such bills. If this is correct, then every farmer in Stokes county who got a better price than usual for his tobacco, ought to pitch in and work his best for Reuben.

There is another thing about Reuben which ought to recommend him for the place. He spends his own money free. If he gets that \$7,500 salary, he will distribute it among the people of the Fifth District as quickly and liberally as any other man. He will pay as strict attention to the wants of his constituents as any man. What more do we want?

J. M. GALLOWAY.

### Death From Hydrophobia.

New York, May 21.—William H. Marsh, the Brooklyn man condemned by his gentleness to a pet bulldog to die in the convulsions of rabies, has passed his agony, and the death which he had known in his lucid moments during the past twenty-four hours to be inevitable came at 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Part of the day he was conscious, but the most of the time he was under the influence of opiates. He had asked the physicians to make his end as easy as they could.

For the last twenty-four hours the patient, who tossed and burned on his bed at his home, 74 Ocean avenue, suffered a double torture. Dr. Henry M. Cullinam, the physician who had been in close attendance upon Mr. Marsh since first he went home with the knowledge that death was coming to him, said that up to yesterday morning the man had been able to follow, step by step, the course of the disease that was racking him through knowledge he once acquired in a full course in medicine that he had taken.

Like a man sitting in the condemned cell and listening to the striking of the clock that brings the dawn nearer, Mr. Marsh diagnosed the advance of the plague during the intermittent periods of consciousness.

### CAMPBELL.

Campbell, May 26.—Quite a large crowd attended services at Snow Creek Sunday. Rev. E. M. Barnard and others filled the appointment. One admission to the church, and will be baptized in the creek near Mr. Joe Robertson's the fourth Sunday in June.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Corn is slowly improving from a protracted case of measles.

Mr. Bob Martin visited Mr. L. V. Foddrill Sunday.

The people in this section are behind with farm work owing to so much rain.

Mr. Joe Martin purchased a fine horse recently from Mr. J. T. Lawson.

Mr. Joseph Dunlap, of Snow Creek township, was here Friday.

### The Duties Of the Wife and Mother.

Written for the Woman's Dept.

Being a wife is a privilege which we, as women, choose for ourselves. In this country wifehood is not thrust upon us. Given the man who appeals and pleases and satisfies, we walk deliberately into the yoke. Then having accepted the position, it is the part of every wife to lift up and ennoble and sanctify by thought and act the marital relation. If there has been sufficient thought beforehand, and the man is the right sort there should be no trouble. A man will go great lengths for the woman he loves and has made his wife.

Much depends on the woman and too many women miss their own best happiness by failing to use their powers and exertions to keep love in the heart and the air of "loversness" in the home. No matter what a woman's life has been up to the time she accepted a man in marriage from that moment there is fresh incentive to good living and a new inspiration for happiness.

With the beginning of wifehood is the beginning of another life entirely different from the maiden one. Being a wife ought to be a joyous and tender responsibility, and even the little worries and cares must be taken as a part of it. The sanctity and purity of the home is the salvation of a nation, and from the homes where love and tenderness and consideration abound will come the best citizens of the future. To the woman who becomes a second wife and assumes charge of children not her own I want to say you have a charge to keep which is doubly responsible and you should have considered the question well before casting the final vote. Then being a wife, do not complain of things that cannot be helped. Don't say this is a dreary old world and but for the next it could not be lived. It is very true that the hope of a future experience in a purified land of light and love is something which helps us to endure, but this is a good old world full of blessings which we may get if we lift up our heads and seek them. Be queens even if you must slave to keep things bright and clean. Demand obedience with gentleness and hold fast to love by the laying out of tender hands. Strive always for some degree of self improvement by reading a little every day and learning to apply what you read. If your early education has been neglected and you feel your limitations, there is certainly that the very knowledge of the fact will help you to study to improve. Surprise your husband every day by telling him something of interest and value which you have read. See that your children get better advantages than you had. Put your experience to use in the rearing of your own children. Ones own life and family affairs, even the if trials and troubles are hard to endure, which we all will have in some measure, should not be talked about to outside neighbors and friends. Home affairs are sacred, and not to be discussed with every passing stranger. There is an old cruel saying, "laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone." Which is perfectly true. But the Almighty's ear hears, and the divine voice says, "Cast your burdens on me." I know that this is true. So be happy by the very force of your own will. Will to be happy, and you will be surprised how you will bend things that way. A part of a woman's business is to be cheerful and happy in the home. It is the reflection of that cheer and happiness which keeps the world going and binds men to right doing. If you have a good husband thank God for him and be true to your trust.

MRS. DR. W. P. WILSON.

Charlotte, N. C.