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## SOME BENEFITS OF CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Letters From Persons In Communities That Have Discarded The One and Two Teacher Schools.

The following letters were recently received by the Progressive Farmer from persons residing in communities that have consolidated schools and the letters tell of some of the many advantages of consolidated schools over the one and two teacher schools:

In our consolidated school have been brought together four schools along the same highway, the two farthest being only about eight miles apart. This is only the second year of consolidation, but as time goes on we see more and more the benefits resulting from this plan.

1. In the first place, consolidation has brought about a spirit of fellowship and co-operation in the community which could hardly have been achieved otherwise. To secure our building and what equipment we have took concerted effort, and though at first there were those who strongly opposed consolidation they have now fallen in line and stand ready to do their part in making "our" school a success.

2. Consolidation has provided us with a community center, of which we were greatly in need. With such an institution as a center, progress will naturally radiate from it.

3. It provides a far better environment and training for the children than they could ever have received under the former system. The future citizens of the community will be more adequately fitted for their work by having attended a consolidated school.

4. Through consolidation we are enabled to undertake enterprises which the separate schools could not consider. For instance, we have a very active parent-teachers' association which has done a great deal of good in the community. Before consolidation only one of the four schools ever had an organization of this kind. With everybody working together we are not afraid to undertake big things.

5. Our consolidated school is enriching the lives and broadening the vision of our people. Entertainments by outside talent or by the school children are frequently given in the auditorium, thus providing wholesome and instructive diversion for old and young.

Commencement, graduate, recital, diploma, etc., which were once only vague terms to many of our people are now becoming vital realities.

Without our school we feel that the community would be limping in the rear of the onward march of progress.

J. L. W.

### A Tremendous Change in Seven Years.

Seven years ago, we had four one-teacher schools, from three to five miles apart.

The children were taught up to the eighth grade, and then turned loose, their education finished, or their parents had to board them in town, or move to town to let them finish high school.

We had no amusements, no places to go, so they went from 5 to 18 miles, to where they could find amusement. The churches were at a distance and hard to get to.

Rather than go to so much trouble to get to Sunday school, etc., the most of us stayed at home.

People were moving away every year, to be near schools and churches, and no new settlers were coming in. In the summer of 1920 after much working and pulling, we put the four schools together and built a \$5,000 schoolhouse, with all modern conveniences.

Three trucks bring the children from a distance; those within a mile and a half walk. We have 11 grades, so the ones that finish here (and most of them are finishing) can enter college.

The young people have a social club that meets twice a month, with all sorts of games. Very recently they "pulled off" a horse show, that was a real treat in this day of motor cars. They are having plenty of fun and are fixing up a baseball diamond, a tennis court, etc.

They don't have to go away to hunt fun, any more. We have Valentine parties, Thanksgiving parties, and box suppers at the school house and it's no trouble to get two or

three hundred people together as one big family.

We with others in the county have succeeded in getting two demonstration agents put on, the girls are in canning club work, the boys in cotton, pig, and corn clubs.

Since the school started not a family has moved away, and we have 12 new families within 1-2 miles of the school house to say nothing of the new ones on the truck lines.

Our people are building up dairy herds, trucking, several large poultry plants and one big hatchery. They are contented and happy.

MRS. L. L. HADLEY.

### School Consolidation Built the Community.

The greatest factor in the building up of our community has been the consolidated school. To it we must give the credit of bringing to us inspiration and assistance from the outside world, through its library which is accessible to each family in the community, its college graduates who are not only qualified as textbook teachers for the children, but are social and religious leaders as well; its agriculturist, who has specialized in farm problems, and is with us 12 months in the year, assisting not only the school boys with their projects, but each farmer and truck grower in scientific farming co-operating with the county agent.

The school is also large enough, and financially able, without any heavy burden on the tax payers, to support and maintain a home science department which teaches the girls the art of housekeeping scientifically. It extends into each home, and has been the means of creating better co-operation in the Home Economic Club, which is headed by the county agent and is now doing splendid work.

Since consolidation our community has been able to enjoy many social advantages, which were never dreamed of before, such as lectures, lectures, shows, literary societies and demonstrations. The history of our school has gone out to other communities, where such advantages do not exist, attracting many desirable citizens to this community. Land has increased in value, roads have been improved, high school advantages have been brought to our community. Economic questions are being discussed, and a deeper interest is being shown in national and state affairs. A splendid spirit of co-operation is being brought about.

J. B. H.

### Children Are Much Healthier

Thanks to the consolidated school we have the trucks to carry the children in out of the bad weather where they used to have to sit with damp clothing on and wet feet all day. This has saved many lives and many dollars in clothing, medicine, and especially shoes.

This consolidated school has not only brought together more children but it has helped the mothers and fathers to get out, and to meet other parents who have lived all their lives in the community and never met Mrs. So and So, until we had our first community meeting at the consolidated school building.

MRS. N. D. REECE.

Moore County, N. C.

### Bus Lines To Check Baggage of Passengers

Raleigh, May 8.—The North Carolina corporation commission today issued an order requiring that all buses put in a system of checking baggage similar to that used by railroads. The order also requires that each motor vehicle carrier shall file with the commission acceptable liability and property damage insurance covering the baggage liability in a sum of not less than \$50 for any one piece of baggage. The order is effective June 1 and effects all motor vehicles operating under the supervision of the commission.

Officers P. L. Flinchum and M. J. Fagg destroyed considerable beer at a still site a few miles north of Danbury Monday. The still was not found.

## MAYOR MANUEL HAS RESIGNED

C. R. Hutcherson To Succeed Him — High School Commencement—Other Walnut Cove News.

Walnut Cove, N. C., May 12.—Atty. J. W. Manuel has sold his house on Main St. to Mr. Bennett. Has also resigned as Mayor and Mr. C. R. Hutcherson has been appointed to take his place. Mr. J. R. Voss taking the place left vacant by Mr. Hutcherson on town board.

Miss Elizabeth Fulton, of Burlington, spent the week end here.

Mr. T. C. Hartman spent the week end at Salisbury.

Misses Mildred, Margaret and Francis Neeley, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mrs. Julia Hairston.

Miss Elizabeth Sparger left for her home in Greensboro Sunday. Misses Mary Booker and Edna Mae Farmer have returned to their homes in Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fulton left for Elkin Saturday night and from there attended the races at Charlotte Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Matthews attended the races at Charlotte Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Slate, of High Point, spent several days here last week visiting friends.

Miss Nell Hutcherson is visiting friends in Thomasville.

Mr. J. C. Hutcherson made a business trip to Greensboro Tuesday.

Mrs. J. K. Lewis is visiting her mother at Advance.

Messrs. C. N. Smith, J. F. Reynolds, Jr., and O. E. Marshall, of Stuart, Va., spent Sunday in town visiting friends.

Miss Hazel Isom, one of the high school graduates, was married Sunday morning to Mr. Oscar Fallin, of Madison, N. C. The marriage was quite a surprise to her friends.

Miss Stella Rierson, who has been living in Winston-Salem during the winter months, is now at home and going to her work on jitney.

Mr. John Fulton, of Ogburn, spent Wednesday with his family here.

The commencement exercises of Sunday, May 3, with baccalaureate sermon by Rev. M. Lloyd Wilson, of High Point. On Wednesday evening a program was given by the Primary grades, which was well presented and enjoyed by all. On Thursday evening a program was given by grammar grades, which was very interesting. Friday night the class day exercises of graduating class, and Saturday morning the graduating exercises. They were fortunate in procuring Rev. Billy Sunday to deliver the address, and a large crowd was out to hear him. The high school play, "Valley Farm," on Saturday night closed the exercises.

Miss Annie Redman left for her home in Pilot Mountain Sunday morning.

## AUTO TAGS HAVE ARRIVED

They Are Black With Yellow Back Ground—429,000 Were Purchased By State.

Automobile license tags for 1925-26 will be printed black with bright orange back ground and the State's monogram will be changed so that the letter "C" of the combination will be just a space to the right underneath the "N." There will be no other changes.

Exactly 420,000 have been ordered and some of them have arrived. It will require eight solid cars to bring them from the factory to Raleigh. The big majority of tags are for touring cars but there is a liberal sprinkling for truck dealers and for Highway Commission cars.

At the rate of increase noted in the sale of tags last month, Revenue Commissioner Doughton is of the opinion that the entire supply of 420,000 will be exhausted.

If the entire supply is used the State will collect over six million (\$6,000,000) for auto licenses alone. Proportionate increase in the gasoline tax next year will bring the State's revenue from these two sources close to \$15,000,000.

The new tags will be used on and after July 1.

## KING POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED

Stamps and Some Money Taken —Saw Mill Burned—Death Of Aged Lady—Robbery At Pilot Mountain.

King, May 11.—Mr. Peyton Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents here.

The postoffice here was broke open and robbed of about two hundred dollars worth of stamps last Tuesday night. The robbers only secured a small amount of cash, something less than a dollar in change which had been left in the office. Entrance was gained through a back window. There is no clue to the guilty party.

A force of masons went to work this morning on a new brick home for Mr. John Smith in Pilot View, the new development just east of town. This will be the first brick residence for king.

Work on both the Moravian and Christian churches is well under way and will be pushed through to completion at an early date. These buildings are being constructed of brick and will be modern in every particular.

The married men defeated the high school team in a game of baseball here Friday to the tune of 11 to 3.

The high school commencement which takes place May 14th, 15th and 16th, promises to be good.

Mr. C. D. Slate, who got a foot crushed while unloading freight several days ago is slowly improving, but it will be some time before he is able to walk on this foot.

A saw mill belonging to The Thurman Lumber Co. and operated by Mr. E. F. Walker which was located two miles west of town was destroyed by fire Friday night. This is the second mill in this neighborhood to burn within two weeks. Mr. Charlie Hunter lost his mill by fire about two weeks ago.

A party was given by Miss Clara Pulliam at the home of Mrs. E. A. Moser to the Senior class of the King high school Thursday night. Those present were: Misses Gertrude Masencup, Oneda Caudle, Mildred Carroll, Nellie Thomas, Bernice Smith, and others. Also Messrs. David Calloway, Norman Slate, Ernest Smith, Moir C. Hooker. A contest was held and games were played after which refreshments were served. It was an enjoyable occasion for all who attended.

The King M. W. A. team lost to Seward in a hard fought game of baseball Saturday. The final score stood three and five.

Mr. Charlie Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. C. O. Boyles made a business trip to Winston-Salem today.

Billy Sunday passed through town this morning on his way to Pilot Mountain where he will deliver a sermon at the opening of the high school commencement today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boyles, of Walnut Cove, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Harrison Reed, aged about seventy-five years, died at her home near Donaha yesterday morning. The interment will be from Mount Pleasant church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Lucian Moore, who has been very sick at his home for some time, shows no improvement, his many friends regret to learn.

Mr. Charlie Hooper, of Winston-Salem, is here on business today.

Mr. Fount Clifton, of Pilot Mountain, was here this morning and informed us that the postoffice and bank at Pilot Mountain was robbed last night. The robbers made their getaway with about five hundred dollars in postage stamps and ten thousand dollars in liberty bonds. The telephone and telegraph wires were all cut, thus cutting off all communication by wire.

## Delicate Conscience

Maid—"The new neighbors would like to cut their grass, mow, and they want to know if you will lend them our law-mower."

Missess (highly shocked)—"Cut their lawn on the Sabbath? Certainly not. Tell them that we haven't one."—London Opinion.

## HIGH TAXES, HIGHWAYS AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Are Public Utilities Ruining Our Country, Or Individual High Living, Which?—Correspondent Compares Present Times With Old Times and Says Give the Roads and Schools a Square Deal.

Germantown, Route 1, May 10.

Mr. Editor:

This is the day of taxation. On all hands we hear the complaint of the tax-payer. The farmer is kicking, the manufacturer is groaning, the merchant is murmuring, and the professional man croaks about his income tax. Some are heard to say that they will have to sell out and move away to escape the burdens of taxation. The farmers say their land will not bring the price it is assessed for taxation. Taxation is the lament of the law-makers, and they cast about for sources of more and more taxation. The Governor is retrenching, the county commissioners are lopping off expenses, and the husbandman is economizing to minimize as far as possible the embargoes laid on us by nation, State and county.

But, after all, is not a great deal of this cussing about high taxes overdrawn or far-fetched. Will it bear close analysis? Will it stand the acid test of common sense?

This is a day of high living, as compared with years ago when you and I were growing up, or kids. Expenses of a hundred kinds exist today where there was practically no expenditure before—good roads and schools and automobiles and gas and pop came. Many a fellow spends more nowadays for pop than he used to invest in shoes or clothing.

There is no question about taxes being high, but we beg to take issue with the fellows who are charging it up to the good roads and schools. We were talking with a farmer the other day, who had complained about high taxes, said he was sorry he had bought his land, and was thinking of moving away to escape the high taxes of Stokes county. Pray, where to? There is no escape from taxation. You find a lower rate levied in some other counties than Stokes, but you will pay it in some other way in the long run. This farmer owns a plantation worth \$1,000 or \$5,000. His tax, he said, is now about \$50. We asked him what it would probably have been a decade ago on the same property. He said about \$25.00. Doubled in ten or fifteen years. This was ruining him. We asked him to examine closely and see if he was so badly hurt after all. Ten or fifteen years ago it took him twelve days to market his tobacco crop, figuring on four trips to Winston over bad roads, each trip consuming three days to go and come. Now he can market his crop in one day, if he tried, and get back home for supper. What is the value in dollars and cents of this time saved for a man and a team, not to mention the exposure and discomfort of wagoning to Winston. Fifteen years ago he was at school in a log hut in the pine field, with a teacher who knew nothing more than a smattering of arithmetic, readin' and ritin. Now this husband sends his children to an excellent high school, and the children don't even have to walk, but ride in a motor truck. What is the value in dollars and cents of the new way as compared with the old way. What did it cost you fifteen years ago to get your fertilizer to your farm? Several days of dragging through the mud in April and May or June—valuable time of man and beast, and wear and tear of vehicle over vile roads. Now you can get your guano in before breakfast if you want it, at a minimum expense. What is the value of this time and labor saved? Are these three items of quicker and easier marketing of tobacco, hauling in fertilizer and improved schools worth \$25?

But these are only incidents. Do you own a car? Yes. What does it cost you to own it? Very little, he said—foolish man. The average owner of an automobile—even a Ford—pays \$100.00 a year tax to his comfort, convenience and pleasure. Count the investment, interest, depreciation, gas, oil, tires, time lost, etc., and see how far wrong this estimate is. But this immense tax is unthoughtof, while good roads and schools, the greatest blessings of civilization, are charged up with the

expense. Automobiles not all, a thousand luxuries that used to be unheardof are now indulged in. You used to have your shoes mended for 15 cents. Now you throw them away and buy a new pair for \$5.00. You used to go to the blacksmith shop for repairs to your plows and hoes. Now you go to the hardware store and purchase new ones. These taxes—incidents of modern times, civilization—are necessary, but you should not charge the cost of them to your schools and roads.

There is entirely too much cussing about high taxes in Stokes county as charged to roads and schools. You used to give \$1.25 per gallon for your liquor—and it was probably pure stuff. Now you pay \$10 for the rankest compound that ever insulted the stomach of a billy-goat. This is true, and you know it.

There is entirely too much cussing about high taxes in Stokes county as chargeable to good roads and schools, and too much talk of moving away to evade taxation. A few years ago a great many of our good citizens moved their capital away to try to evade taxation, and it never came back. Many a hard-earned thousand dollars took wings to return no more, when Bailey Bros. was invoked to save them from taxation. Bailey Bros. is not all. Other glittering stock certificates are now in many an old sock to stay. Requisite in pace. They are good to look at, nothing more. They not only evaded taxation, but even evaded dividends. Worth only the paper they are lithographed on—nothing more.

It used to be that one might own and hold large boundaries of timber and woodland, for investment purposes, waiting for it to grow into gold. Not so now. This is a day of economy, of efficiency, of overhead expense sheets. Turn loose the land, or pay the taxes on it. Many persons want homes. Many farmers want plantations. Disgorge. This is the day of progress, of civilization, of returns on the investment.

Yes, taxes are high. There is no denying this proposition. But please don't saddle all the blame on the greatest blessings of the age. The good road that brings you back home nights to your wife and babies, when you used to spend it on the road sleeping in a covered wagon, and eating fried eggs out of a skillet; the school that now within reach of your children, will enable them to get an education that was denied to many of the rest of us.

OLD TIMER.

## TAX-LISTING STARTS MAY 18

Supervisor Carroll Offers Some Suggestions In Regard To Preparing Lists.

Tax Supervisor E. W. Carroll announces that the listing of taxes will begin in Stokes on May 18th and the books will be turned in on June 1st, so that only two weeks is allowed in which to list all the taxes. Failure to list by June 1st means that you will be penalized.

Attention is called to the fact that landlords and tenants must make out a farm or crop report. This is compulsory, but the report is not made for taxation but for the information of the State and the national governments.

## Where Time Is Not Money.

"Have you forgotten that five dollars you owe?"  
"Not yet; give me time."—Columbia Jester.

## Guess Again

"Henry," she said, "a fortune-teller said that I was going to the Riviera."

"Then call her up, and fix an appointment for me," said her husband. "Perhaps she can tell me where I can get the money."—Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury.