

## EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL TERM LOOMING AS BIG QUESTION

Raleigh, August 16—That the question of an eight months school term is getting more and more likely to be one of unusual interest and one that is likely to be productive of considerable fireworks at the next session of the legislature is evident in the recent appointment of Dr. Fred Morrison as assistant executive secretary of the State educational commission. The commission, consisting of 12 members of which J. O. Carr of Wilmington is chairman and J. Y. Joyner executive secretary was appointed by Gov. McLean in accordance with an act by the last legislature, to make a study of educational system in the State and any possible ways and means for improving it. The report of the commission is to be made to the Governor who then may transmit whatever recommendations he sees fit to the legislature with his personal recommendations for needed legislation, remedial or otherwise.

## Sold \$3,200 Worth of Potatoes Last Year—Crops Are Better This Year

### Waynesville Mountaineer

L. N. Pinner has a farm in Pigeon River valley near Canton. It was in "run down" condition when he purchased it five years ago, and a part of the open land had been abandoned for agricultural purposes.

Under well planned rotation of crops which included nitrogen gathering clovers and other legumes, production on this farm has been increased the five year period.

When asked about his last year's yield of Irish potatoes Mr. Pinner said he got about half an average crop yield. However, from his 1925 harvest of potatoes he received \$3,200 besides keeping enough to supply his demands for seed this year. He had 16 acres planted to potatoes last year. This year he had about 10 acres and the indicated yield per acre will be much larger than last year. Rains came in Haywood county in time to save the crops of potatoes, with only slightly diminished yields.

In his rotation Mr. Pinner usually plans to let potatoes follow red clover and wheat follows potatoes. On the land from which he sold \$3,200 worth of potatoes last year he has wheat from which he estimates a yield of 35 bushels to the acre. A part of his corn crop, which indicates a large yield is on land which he reclaimed. It was sown with rye last fall and this was turned down as a green manuring crop for the corn.

Mr. Pinner lives on the hard surfaced county road leading from Canton to the County Home, but there are no visible evidences that he will ever need the services of that institution. In his farm activities he proceeds under the idea that "if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well". For instance, in operating his wheat drill the furrows were made as straight as a bee line, extending between a quarter and a half mile in length, and the distance between the lap drills was so uniform that nobody could tell where the laps were.

The criticism that farmers do not work regularly does not seem to apply in Mr. Pinner's case. Like the merchant or manufacturer, he finds something to do all the year 'round and he also sweats his brains as well as his body. In other words he works out his plans with his brains. This does not imply that he wastes human energy in performing tasks that can be done more efficiently and economically by horsepower and machinery. With riding cultivator he cultivates nine acres of corn a day and does it better than is done with a one horse side cultivator behind which a man must walk and hold in position—and do four acres instead of nine.

"I am planning to raise a pair of good mules buy a tractor and then keep only two mules instead of five horses," said Mr. Pinner. Raising two mules (instead of buy them) blends well into the scheme of things on his farm. He "raises" most of his nitrogen, which is the most expensive element in commercial fertilizers. The idea of "raising" things represents the only way that leads to economic freedom on the farm, regardless of where it is located. The "safety first" signal that should be conspicuously displayed on every farm is, "Make this farm self feeding and self supporting."

While he did not fully outline his future plans, we have a suspicion that in coming years Mr. Pinner will let flocks of purebred poultry and perhaps herds of high-grade dairy cows manufacture all his raw materials into finished products and with these he will place himself on a regular all the year 'round/week pay-roll.

## Accomplishments of Extension Work Reviewed in Tenth Annual Report

Extension work as it has been conducted during the 10 year period from 1914 to 1924 has helped farming people to think about the business of the farm and to act on their conclusions, says the United States Department of Agriculture in the tenth annual report of cooperative agricultural extension work. The fact that 49,464 community programs were developed in 1924 in which farmers themselves devised remedies, selected 182,917 local leaders, determined upon 1,134,750 demonstrations, carried them to completion and reported the results, shows the cooperation farm people are giving extension work.

The report not only discusses the work of 1924 but reviews the results of extension teaching done since the passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914. It covers more than 130 pages explaining the different types of extension work being carried on, their development and accomplishment. The 10 year period is reviewed to give a broader view of what has been accomplished and of the general trend of the work in its relation to American life.

The Smith-Lever Act, which is the nucleus of the American agricultural extension system provides for the continuance of demonstration work already developed to some extent at the time of its passage. It contemplates placing men and women demonstration agents in each agricultural county to make available to the farmer on his own farm and the farm woman in her own home, improved methods in farming and homemaking which have been established by research and in a form which they can use. It is the intent of the act that these agents aid farmers and their families, including boys and girls, in putting on demonstrations in selecting seed, feeding and managing livestock, fighting insect pests and making the home more comfortable and attractive. It is designed to show how to apply improved methods under local conditions. During the ten year period, the major effort in county agricultural work has been on farm production and many improved practices have been adopted. Home demonstration work can justly be accredited with many improvements which contribute to the convenience and beauty of the farm home and the well being of the farm family. Through club work, many boys and girls have discovered the farm as an opportunity for an interesting and profitable career.

The act has secured the cooperation of the Federal Government and the State colleges of agriculture in carrying on extension work, but it was drawn broadly enough so that farmers and farm women themselves could cooperate with representatives of the county, State and Federal Governments in planning and financing the extension work carried on in each community. This may be regarded as one of the outstanding accomplishments under the Smith-Lever Act.

Judging by the experience of the past 10 years the future trend of the influence of cooperative extension work will be toward:

- (1) Increasing group thought and action as a habit in country neighborhood life.
- (2) Encouraging conscious effort on the part of the country people to retain and capitalize the best features and attractions of country life and to work out for themselves the soundest way in which to make available to their young people and to themselves, the best in education, recreation, and social life which the country and town afford.
- (3) Expanding boys' and girls' club work and developing supplementary agencies that will make the practical influence of extension association, teaching, and training as available as public school education to all country boys and girls.
- (4) Furthering opportunities for the economic and social development of the farm woman that will place her on a more equitable footing with the modern wage earning woman of the city in standards of living and in opportunities for community activity and personal improvement.
- (5) Stimulating ambition for a more satisfying home and neighborhood life on the part of the farmer and his family based on healthful and sensible tastes and ideals and a community of thought, appreciation and action.

A copy of the report may be obtained as long as the supply lasts by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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## JACKSON CHALLENGING ATTENTION

(Continued from last week)

From this peak, looking Northward we see the signs of civilization completely fading. A strange feeling of a return to the primitive—a call of the "great outdoors"—a cry from the wild sings through our head and thrills our heart as we behold the vast mountains known to the world as the Great Smoky Range rise and tower in wonderful prodigality mile upon mile, Mount LaConte lies just in front of us and Mount Guyot, tallest of the Eastern Mountains, with a single exception, rises Eastward.

About us the atmosphere is laden with the balm of the balsams and the bloom of the laurel and rhododendron and the multitude of other wild flowers which complete the picture and set it in a frame more beautiful than any picture ever made by other than the Master Architect. To the West golden fields and bewildering orchards are glimpsed and give the landscape the appearance of that pastoral contentment of happiness and prosperity that has inspired the mountaineers for countless ages. To the South more high peaks and forests primeval and to the Southeast a tremendous distance downward, one occasionally catches a glimpse of towns and farms, when the landscape is not entirely obliterated by the clouds below us.

In a word, I have referred to the district in the Smoky Mountains which lie directly North of the J. D. Hood Mountain and Highway which congress aided by the States of North Carolina and Tennessee has set aside for a great national park. This national park will ultimately be the shrine that will draw millions of visitors to it every year and it is my belief that every one of them will not halt until they have made at least one trip over the J. D. Hood Highway where they will get a better birdseye view of the 100 mile mountain district than they could otherwise get.

Moreover, the Lincoln Highway, which in North Carolina is No. 10, barring a few short gaps here and there is paved and it shortens the distance between Montreal and all Northern American points to Atlanta 107 miles. It will be the road therefore over which Northern travelers will pass North and South and I do not believe one of these travelers would think of not detouring to the Skyline Highway in North Carolina and driving above the clouds when they have the opportunity.

The Hood road and Mount Hood and its quota of a dozen 6,000 foot mountain spires have only to be known to be seen by countless millions and that is why I am inclined to call attention to them here. Then added reason is that the proximity of South Carolina to this super mountain area makes a direct appeal to every citizen of this State and when Mr. Hood hangs out the late string all of us who love the wild will be ready to put on our old blue bonnet with the red ribbon on it, and race right over to Mount Hood next summer!

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCK LAW ELECTION IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hamburg Township that a special election will be held in said township on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 1926 to determine the will of the voters on Exclusive Stock Law for said township.

All those favoring such exclusive stock law shall at said election vote a ticket with the words "Exclusive Stock Law" printed thereon, and those opposing shall vote a ticket with the words "No Stock Law" printed thereon; that the Register and Judges shall count and canvass the vote and report the same in writing by one of its members to the Register of Deeds of Jackson county.

The territory embraced in said election shall include the entire township as at presently bounded and located.

The Registrar for said election is C. G. Wilson and the Judges are T. C. Monteith and W. C. Jennings.

Said election is held under authority given in Chapter 69 of the Public Local Laws, Extra Session 1913, and as amended in Chapter 408, Regular Session, 1917.

Done this 2nd day of Aug., 1926.  
RAYMOND R. NICHOLSON,  
Register of Deeds.  
Exofficio Clerk.

## PEACHES

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## HOWELL VICTIM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Canton Enterprise, Aug. 12—Brownlow Howell, 35, was killed and Fanning Burris narrowly escaped death when the Ford car which they were driving overturned on the Cruso Road early Saturday morning. Both occupants were pinned under the car and were forced to remain there for some hours till found by passers-by.

Howell was dead when found and Burris was in an unconscious condition, but suffered no serious injuries and soon recovered from the shock.

Howell's body is being held pending the arrival of his father, Bill Howell of Shelby, Idaho.

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina,  
Jackson County.

In the Superior Court

Robert A. Crisp  
vs  
Bertha Crisp.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Jackson county by the plaintiff against the defendant for the purpose of severing the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and a summons therein has been issued returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jackson County, Sylva, N. C. on the 19th day of September 1926, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer the complaint to be filed in said office and if the defendant fails to answer the plaintiff will take judgment for the relief asked in the complaint.

This the 10 day of August, 1926.  
JNO. D. NORTON,  
Clerk Superior Court

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Manda Slagle  
vs  
Walter B. Slagle

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defendant and a summons therein has been issued returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jackson County, Sylva, N. C. on the 10th day of September 1926, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer the complaint to be filed in said office and if the defendant fails to answer the plaintiff will take judgment for the relief asked for in the complaint.

This the 10 day of August 1926.  
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