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**Tuesday, May 18, 1920**  
**FROM FRYING PAN TO FIRE**

A story goes that once upon a  
time a live fish was placed in a  
frying pan. In its agony it gave  
one mighty flop and landed in  
the hotter coals of the fire.

We fear the story of the fable  
is being enacted in real life to-  
day.

There is a groking unrest among  
young men on the farms—an un-  
rest which constitutes a distinct  
peril to the nation.

Stories of abnormally high  
wages paid for even unskilled la-  
bor in the cities have fired the  
farm hand with that greatest of  
all American curses—a desire to  
get rich quick.

In imagination he sees the  
money rolling in, but there his  
imagination stops. He never  
thinks of it pouring out again.

And in the big cities, despite  
the high wages paid, there is  
quite as much pouring as rolling.

Just why bright eyed, keen  
minded and energetic young men  
of the country should prefer the  
exasperating perplexities of the  
city to the peaceful certainties of  
the country is difficult to con-  
ceive.

From infancy they have been  
trained in the hard headed school  
of experience which has enabled  
their fathers to achieve success  
in an era when the hand of fate  
was against every farmer—when  
they was no adequate recom-  
pense for their labors—when the  
star of hope was obscured by the  
low prices of their products.

Yet all of this splendid train-  
ing seems to be without avail.  
They want to leave the farms.

Fathers have pleaded. Mothers  
and sisters and sweethearts  
have shed bitter tears. But the  
unrest is there—it will not sleep.

True, the city newspapers are  
filled with enticingly worded ad-  
vertisements calling for help, but  
when sifted down they are more  
often found to be jobs that the  
city man does not want. The  
farmer lad is asked to come in  
and take the crumbs that remain.

It is an unfortunate condition  
which faces the country, and one  
which must be met.

If the deplorable depopulation  
of the farms continues there can  
be but one result. The farmer  
will live in peace and plenty be-  
cause he can always raise suffi-  
cient for the needs of himself  
and his family. But everywhere  
the cities will cry for food when  
there is no food to be had. And  
the young man who leaves the  
farm will be among those who  
experience the joys of a gay life  
and an empty stomach.

The greatest crown of glory of  
the world war was placed by  
Marshal Foch upon the brow of  
a farmer boy from the mountains  
of Tennessee. He is the hero of  
heroes of the war of all wars.

The farm boy of today has an  
opportunity of performing for  
his country an even greater ser-

vice than that which made Alvin  
Yorke's name known wherever  
civilization exists.

By remaining upon the farm,  
where life is clean and opportu-  
nities are never lacking, he can  
aid in saving millions of helpless  
women and children from the  
pangs of hunger and the depths  
of despair.

For without the products of  
the farm even life itself can not  
be sustained.

**NOTICE**

There will be an important  
meeting of the Merchants Asso-  
ciation tomorrow afternoon at  
4:30 o'clock in the office of the  
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member is earnestly requested to  
be present.

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**NOTICE**

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dacy for Treasurer of Halifax  
County, subject to the ratifica-  
tion of the Democratic Primary.  
7-4-20 **W. R. HARVEY.**

**LOST—A GRANT AUTO** crank  
yesterday somewhere around  
town. Finder please return to  
The Commonwealth office and  
receive reward.  
**P. F. ROBINSON**

**W. O. W. MEETING**

Hickory Camp No 505 W. O.  
W. will hold its regular meeting  
Thursday night, May 20th, and  
at this time will celebrate its  
eighth anniversary. Every mem-  
ber is urged to be present and a  
big time for everyone. Refresh-  
ments will be served. Everybody  
come.

**RECITAL**

There will be a Recital Friday  
evening, May 21, in the Graded  
School Auditorium given by Miss  
Anne Thompson under the aus-  
pices of the Clarksville Literary  
Club. Miss Thompson is a gradu-  
ate of Meredith College, Raleigh  
and often having studied under  
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tales, the Puck scenes from a  
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