

FIELD TEACHERS

In my childhood, I knew an old and gray-headed man. Age had brought him wisdom, and I loved him because he was both kind and wise. Once he said to me: "I know a way to be happy. I learned it in the fields." Then I entreated him, and said: "Please teach it to me." He answered, "Go forth into the fields, among the things that move, and study it there."

So I went forth, and looked attentively upon all that moved around. But there was no voice to speak to me. I returned to the gray-haired man. And he said, "What hast thou learned in the fields?" "I saw the brook flowing on among sweet flowers. I thought it was singing a cheerful song. But, when I listened, there were no words. The sparrow flew by me with down in its beak, and the redbreast with a crumb it had gathered at the door. The hen sought food for her brood of young chicks, and the ducklings swam beside their mother in the clear stream."

"The spider threw out its thread, like a line of silver, from spray to spray. The ant carried a grain of corn in its pincers and the loaded bee flew homeward to its hive. The dog came forth to guard the young lambs as they frisked around their quiet mothers, cropping the tender grass. All seemed full of happiness. "I asked them the way to be happy but they made no reply. I asked it again and again, yet nothing answered save the echo, repeating over and over again my last words, 'happy, happy'; but not telling me how to become so."

"And hast thou looked upon all these?" said the old man, "yet received no instruction? Did not the brook say to thee that it might not stay to be idle, but must hasten to swell the larger stream, and that it had pleasure in refreshing the plants stretching their roots to meet it, and the flowers bending down to its face with a kiss of gratitude?"

"Thou didst see the bird building its nest, and flying to feed its young, and the hen toiling to gather food for others, and didst not perceive that to make others happy is happiness?"

"Thou didst observe the young duck delighting to learn of its mother the true use of its oar feet, and to balance its body aright in the swift waters, and didst not instruct thee to seek with equal joy the lessons of thy mother, who every day teacheth thee, and every night lifteth up her prayer that thy soul may live?"

"When the spider finished its silken house, and the hand destroyed it, did it not, without complaint or stopping to be discouraged, begin to build another? and was there no voice in this example for thee?"

"And couldst thou see the ant providing against a time of want, and the bee busy amid the honey cups, and consider the wisdom nor the sweetness that dwelleth with industry? Didst thou admire the shepherd's dog doing faithfully the bidding of his master, and not consider that patient continuance in duty is happiness?"

"Whither had thine understanding fled, my child, that from all these teachers of the field there came no lesson to thee? With different voices they spake, and didst thou not regard them? Each in his own language, told thee that active industry was happiness, and that idleness was an offense, both to Nature, and to her God."

Then I bowed down my head, and my cheek was crimson with shame; because I had not understood the lessons of the field, and was ignorant of what even the birds and insects knew. But the man with hoary hairs comforted me.

So I thanked him for the good teaching of his wisdom, and I took the precept into my heart, and

thought to prove if it were true. And though I was then young, and am now old, I have never had reason to doubt that useful employment is happiness.—Selected.

Editor Thinks Well of Phone

An Arkansas editor has just written what he thinks of the telephone—that is, he wrote what he does not think, but it was such a noble effort he printed it anyhow. He asked the question "What is a Telephone?" and says the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau answered it in this wise:

"A telephone is the means by which the wife checks up to learn whether you are really working at the office late at night."

"A telephone is something that rings when you are in the bathtub with your eyes full of soap and no one else at home, and that says 'number, please,' when you finally get to it."

"A telephone is the evil genius that threatens my soul's salvation by chirping 'Wrong number, so sorry,' when I have been called from under my car."

"A telephone is the salvation of the pest that I would murder in cold blood if he called at my office in person to present his plea."

"A telephone is an invention that makes an office an open forum, and your would-be peaceful fireside a gathering of the Aid Society."

"A telephone is a parrot that says 'Line busy' when I am in a hurry, and then rings all the rest of the morning to prove it."

"A telephone is an instrument that allows the lodge secretary to catch you just as you start for the show and say 'Everybody here but you.'"

Establish a reputation and good will for your community this year by planting a good variety of cotton. Dr. R. Y. Winters, plant breeding agronomist at State College, states that community production of one variety will do this.

Something to Think About

One might wonder if the boys and girls from rural parts of the United States will not be the sole dependency of the nation in another fifty years. Such information as has been collected and systematized does not reflect well on the future of cityborn children as a class and the unsystematized information as gleaned from daily newspaper reports is even less encouraging. Is it possible that the country will be the only source of sturdy morality in the future?

For many years students have been preparing statistics showing that college graduates have few children. Many college graduates never marry. Many others in the cities are childless, but the lower class—the immigrants from southern Europe—are the parents of large families. On the surface of things, it might seem that the citizens of the city who are cityborn, will be, in a few years, the children of immigrants.

Recently the Russell Sage Foundation has prepared figures based on careful investigations. It is shown that nearly 700,000 persons in the United States are child brides or the husbands of child brides. A child bride is one less than 16 years old. In the great majority of cases, these child brides and their husbands are native born of white parentage.

Another phase of the general subject is the divorce evil. It seems to us that the institution of marriage is under test in the cities. Magazine stories, articles and "confessions" teach us that marriage is a thing to be put lightly aside. There is no such thing as forbearance. In ultra-modern city society, each party to a marriage contract is assumed to have the right to "live his own life"—to center all his interests in himself, instead of in his home.

We believe that the social weaknesses we have mentioned are more urban than rural, and that in the country the old-fashioned, substantial and wholesome idea of marriage exists today as it did when our parents were married. If this is true, and if the country continues to produce families from such marriages, while the cities' best stock goes childless, only the country people can save this nation from catastrophe.—Indiana Farmers' Guide.

AGED NEGRO BURNED

TO DEATH AT DUNN  
Dunn, April 14.—Joe Monk, 75-year-old negro, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed three large wooden buildings, together with several small business enterprises, including two sales stables, two barber shops, a meat market and a news stand at 10:30 last night.

The aged negro slept on the second floor of the building in which the fire started and efforts to effect his rescue proved futile. He was heard to appeal for assistance, but the door to his room appeared to have been securely fastened on the inside. The charred remains were found after the flames had died down.

The buildings were owned by Geo. T. Hodges, Mrs. E. R. Coats, and Jas. Stewart. Neither of the owners carried any insurance. Six brick buildings on the same block were threatened for a time. The walls of these were damaged considerably by the flames. Young's hotel, nearby, caught on fire several times, but was extinguished before any damage resulted. The total loss is estimated today at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Firemen from Fayetteville and Benson rushed to Dunn in response to a call for aid, though the flames were under control when they arrived. The origin of the fire is unknown.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF FOUR OAKS

at Four Oaks, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 6, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 122,980.85
Overdrafts unsecured	1.76
Banking Houses	\$1690.00
Furniture & Fixtures	885.00
2,575.00	2,575.00
All other real estate owned	11,925.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	56,827.45
Total	\$ 194,310.06
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus Fund	42,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,749.06
Dividends unpaid	16.00
Deposits subject to check	104,339.92
Individual	104,339.92
Time Certificates of Deposit, due in less than 30 days	211.40
Cashiers Checks outstanding	403.79
Certified checks	845.82
Time Certificates of Deposit, due on or after 30 days	48,744.07
Total	\$ 194,310.06

I, D. W. Lambe, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. W. LAMBE, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:  
J. H. AUSTIN,  
R. C. CANADAY,  
W. J. LEWIS,  
Directors  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April 1925.—O. J. Tart, Notary Public. My commission expires September 26, 1926.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

at Smithfield, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 6, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 205,676.16
Demand Loans	2,877.09
Overdrafts, unsecured	168.30
U. S. Bonds and Liberty Bonds	6,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	3,152.14
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	31,340.30
Checks for Clearing	1,356.83
Total	\$ 250,570.92
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid in	17,600.00
Surplus Fund	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Current expenses and taxes paid	2,874.34
Dividends Unpaid	9.00
Deposits subject to check	160,044.88
Individual	160,044.88
Cashier's Checks outstanding	624.03
Certified Checks	223.49
Time Certificates of Deposit, due on or after 30 days	42,553.12
Savings Deposits	22,642.06
Total	\$ 250,570.92

I, C. F. Gordon, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—C. F. GORDON, Cashier.  
CORRECT—ATTEST:  
D. W. PETERSON,  
R. L. FITZGERALD,  
W. T. HOLLAND,  
Directors  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of April 1925.—W. M. Gaskin, Notary Public. My commission expires August 30, 1925.

NOTICE

Whereas the Citizens National Bank on September 10, 1919, executed and issued to W. B. Johnson (now deceased) certificate No. 28, for five shares of the capital stock of said Bank at a par value of \$500; and, Whereas since the death of the said W. B. Johnson, his administrator has been unable to locate or find said certificate or find any record, or that the same has been hypothecat-

ed or sold, or find any information as to the loss of the same by fire or theft, and because of the failure to locate said certificate or to satisfy themselves that the same has been lost or destroyed, have made demand upon the First and Citizens National Bank, with which institution the Citizens National Bank was consolidated, and which is now liable for the capital stock of the Citizens National Bank, for a duplicate certificate of said stock;

Therefore notice is hereby given to the public at large that should any one claim said stock, by purchase, gift or otherwise; by hypothecation or pledge, they are hereby notified to make their said claim known to The First and Citizens National Bank of Smithfield, N. C., on or before May 21, 1925, (being 30 days after the first notice is given) or a duplicate certificate of stock will be issued to the estate of W. B. Johnson, deceased, in lieu of the certificate No. 28 for \$500 par value of the stock aforesaid.  
This April 20, 1925.  
FIRST & CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, of Smithfield, N. C.  
By R. P. HOLDING, Cashier.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS BANK

at Clayton, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business April 6, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 170,065.27
Overdrafts, unsecured	236.35
Furniture and Fixtures	7,053.91
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	32,810.06
Cash Items held over 24 hours	5.90
Checks for clearing	532.69
Total	\$ 210,703.28
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,189.21
Dividends unpaid	24.00
Notes and Bills rediscounted	2,000.00
Bills Payable	25,000.00
Deposits, subject to check, Individual	111,024.32
Cashier's Checks outstanding	2,554.00
Time Certificates of Deposit, due on or after 30 days	9,540.96
Savings Deposits	21,379.79
Total	\$ 210,703.28

I, J. M. TURLEY, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. M. TURLEY, Cashier.

Correct Attest:  
V. I. WHELAN,  
H. H. FERRELL,  
A. R. DUNN,  
Directors  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April 1925.—HUGH A. PAGE, Notary Public. My commission expires April 7, 1927.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY  
By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust executed by W. H. Dunston and his wife, Ruth Dunston, dated January 4, 1923 and recorded in Book 121 at page 559, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Johnston county, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday May 18th, 1925, at the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C., at or about 12 o'clock Noon, the following real property, located in the town of Clayton, N. C., and Clayton township and is more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a stake on O'Neil Street, J. M. Turley's corner, runs thence North 45 West 210 feet in A. Creech's line, thence along his line, 70 feet to a stake, thence South 45 East 210 feet to a stake on O'Neil Street, thence North 45 East 70 feet to the beginning, 245/126ths of an acre, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: This tract consists of a part or parcel of land embracing lots Nos. 1 and 2, sold by C. Creech, executor of the Will of Stanford Creech, deceased, under power contained in said Will of said Stanford Creech, at which sale made October 1, 1901, William Dunston became the purchaser, the part of said parcel of land hereinafter conveyed being Lot No. 1 and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in Harloe Horn's line, runs thence North 3-28 East 65 chains to Sam's Creek, thence down Sam's Creek to Clayton Road, thence with said road to the beginning; containing 54 acres more or less.

There is excepted from the second tract, the following lands: eight

acres conveyed to Joe Moore, by deed from W. H. Dunston and wife, registered in Book A No. 10, at page 220

the said second tract containing 32 3/4 acres more or less.  
TERMS OF SALE: All cash on the day of sale and the purchaser to pay all expense of sale and conveyance.  
(Signed) CHAS. R. FRAZIER, Trustee.  
CHAS. G. WILLIAMS, Attorney, Raleigh, N. C.

Actual Statistical Facts:

WHAT HAPPENS TO 100 MEN FROM 25 TO 65  
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(3)—Five will have some earning power  
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