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## SCHOOL FARM J. T. McDaniel

For Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain has scored again. It would keep one man busy pretty near all the time to keep the score properly recorded. It is the school farm this time. This is one of the biggest hits at all. Through the persistent efforts of Prof. R. C. Cox superintendent of the graded school, and county farm demonstrator, G. L. Murrah, this great feat has been accomplished. The school farm is a real verity.

A tract of twelve acres of land has been leased for a term of five years from Mr. Richard Elam who gives it rent free. The land is situate just out of town, just South of the extension of Mountain street and covering

the extension of Gold street. The location is very desirable being at about the proper distance from the graded school. One hundred boys of the graded school have enrolled and the outlook is exceedingly encouraging.

The land is not in tillth. It has been pastured for a few years and some small growth will have to be removed. Some draining and terracing will also necessarily precede plowing. It is the purpose to put the land secured into cultivation—draining and reclaiming the waste places—improving the soil according to the latest and most improved methods. The better portion of the tract will be planted to cotton and corn and the balance sowed to rye and peas this year. The land is subject to much improvement and is a fit place for an expert to show his skill.

The work is to be done by boys under the direction of Mr. Murrah who will visit the work every eight or ten days. In addition to directing the farm work, he will from actual examples selected from the growing plants and in practical talks to the boys show how plants get their food and how the unavailable plant food in the soil may be made available. In short the entire work will be a thorough yet simple and very practical course in agriculture brought home to the boys.

Those in charge of the work realize that the land procured is not fertile and cannot be easily or profitably cultivated at first. But the location is ideal and some splendid resources present. A spring of water is on the place, a house, barn and other buildings. The buildings will be used for canning demonstration work. It is the intention a little later to organize a tomato club among the girls. This land is especially adapted to this purpose because it affords such ideal opportunities for teaching the boys the art of reclaiming and improving land which thing must soon become a practicable proposition for much such land must be reclaimed in order to furnish homes and farms for the rapidly increasing rural population.

We believe that work undertaken by Messrs. Cox and Murrah in the interest of the boys and girls of Kings Mountain will succeed for it is founded upon faith dominated by earnestness and persistent efforts. These are the very elements that have characterized the agricultural demonstration work ever since its beginning in 1903 through the efforts of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, the founder of the farm

## J. T. McDaniel

Died last Friday.

Mr. John T. McDaniel died last Friday at his home in the Bethlehem section at the age of sixty. He had suffered for about seven years with cancer on his leg below the knee and had spent much money fighting the disease which constantly made inroads upon his health. For the past two years he was confined to the house and gradually grew worse until the end came as a relief. Mr. McDaniel was an excellent citizen and commanded the highest respect of all who knew him. He had been a member of Bethlehem Baptist church for the past thirty-six years and was ever looked upon as one of its chief supporters. Not only did he lend financial aid to the church but he

was ever found on the right side of moral questions.

The remains were laid to rest in the Bethlehem cemetery Saturday afternoon. His pastor Rev. D. E. Viperman, assisted by Rev. J. R. Miller conducted the funeral service in the church.

Deceased is survived by the widow and 12 children as follows: W. D. McDaniel, J. T. McDaniel Jr., Giles McDaniel of the Bethlehem section, F. E. McDaniel of Lumberton; Mesdames John Randall, Lloyd McSwain, Ed. Stewart, W. P. Herndon, Clio Booko; and Misses Bessie, Julian and Lucy McDaniel.

The aying request of the dying man, was that two of his favorite hymns be sung at the funeral as follows, "In The Sweet By and By" and "God Be With You 'till We Meet Again." The request which was granted is a very satisfactory evidence that the man died in the living faith.

South of the boy's corn clubs and the canning clubs. His work has grown until there is now in the South one thousand agents, demonstrating better methods of farming and home making to fully a hundred thousand farmers and seventy-five thousand boys and twenty-five thousand girls.

OUR THE LARGEST OF ALL. Mr. Murrah informs us that ten schools in the county have already established Farm schools under his direction and will therefore be cultivated in the same manner as the Kings Mountain Farm school. But Mr. Murrah further adds this gratifying statement that Kings Mountain is in the lead in the number of boys enrolled and the number of acres in the farm. It is also interesting to note that a large number of school have applied for this demonstration work—in fact a larger number than Mr. Murrah could attend to at one time and we therefore should congratulate ourselves on that our school was selected from such a large number of applicants.

As to the financial interest of the movement it should be paying proposition. There will be absolutely no expense attached except for a small amount of fertilizer and a little work that it may not be possible to have done by the boys. Mr. Murrah figures that counting the worst in the way of expenses that it will not aggregate more than \$8 per acre. On the other hand, for every dollar that he farms nets and farm nets and turns over to the school the county puts another dollar on top of it.

From our way of thinking it is one of the longest strides forward that the community has made lately and the work deserves the sympathy and support of the entire community and we verily believe that it will get

## SOME SWING TO THIS!



She ordered some goods from the Mail Order Store.

A week or so later they came by express,  
And after she saw them she wailed in distress:  
"Why, I have been bunked, for right down the street  
These bargains I'm sure I could easily beat.  
It isn't so funny  
To pay out your money  
And get disappointment instead of a treat."

## DUTY YOU OWE YOUR TOWN

Be Faithful and Honest with Yourself.

### OBLIGATIONS OF CONSUMER.

Before Sending His Money to Distant Concerns Every Citizen Should Consider the Duty He Owes His Home Town—Local Merchants Ready and Willing to Compete.

Duty is a power that rises with us in the morning and goes to rest with us at night. It is coextensive with the action of our intelligence. It is the shadow which cleaves to us, go where we will.

Let us do our duty in our shop or kitchen, in the market, the street, the office, the farm, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front ranks of some great battle and knew that victory for mankind depended upon our bravery, strength and skill.

When we do that the very humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.

**A Dollar Lost.**  
It should be the stigma of every rural consumer never to send any far goods that he can just as well buy at home. Every time you send a dollar to a mail order house that dollar, as far as you and your community are concerned, is practically out of circulation.

Your own home merchant is the one who helps to keep up your schools, your churches and your town. He is the one who deserves your trade and not some catalogue house in Chicago or elsewhere.

**Goods on Unsecured Promises.**  
When you have nothing to give in exchange, to whom do you go for accommodations until some uncertain time when you can pay?

Do you not always find your home merchant ready and willing to let his goods go on promises, not guaranteed notes, but verbal promises, trusting to your honesty and good luck in meeting the obligation later?

How many farms have been paid for by your merchants advancing both the goods necessary to keep life in the body and cash to meet that dreaded interest on the mortgage?

Under the same conditions would the farmer trust the merchant for months and months with the produce of his farm, or would he ask for cash or its equivalent upon delivery of the goods?

**Not a Robber or Cheat.**  
We know that the average consumer does not feel that his local merchant is a robber or a cheat; but, like all humankind, the catalogues and prices of

mail order houses appeal to him, and he forwards his order and cash without considering the injustice he is doing himself, his merchant and his home town.

The catalogues of the mail order house are illumined with pictures to catch the eye of the unwary. They range in complexion from a brunette bunna to a blond canary bird. They offer to sell you anything from a philosopher's stone to a cypress silage sawed out of a sunbeam.

**Cash Versus Credit.**  
It seems unbelievable, but it is nevertheless a fact, showing the entire lack of any sense of justice, that many people regard their local stores as merely institutions of accommodation. When these people have cash to spend it goes to the faraway mail order houses, but when times are dull, when they are sick or out of work or during the season when farmers are not turning their produce into cash, what do they do? Do they write to the catalogue house and ask for credit?

If they did do you think they would get it? Not on your life! These concerns must have cash, must have it in advance, must have it before you can even see the goods you buy. The consumer sends his money and then sits down and waits until the mail order house gets good and ready to fill his order.

But when some people want credit or favors of any kind they hustle off to their home merchant, very obligingly order what they want and tell him to charge it, expecting him to wait at least from one to six months for his pay.

**Dealing With Neighbors.**  
In buying from your home merchants you deal with neighbors. Buy with goods before you. Pay when you get the goods if you so elect. Have goods delivered free. Return goods if not satisfactory. Build up your home store.

Help build up your own home town and make of yourself a man worthy of your day and time. Every man should take pride in being a good American citizen, and we believe most men do and that most men are, or at least desire to be, but what kind of citizen is the man who supports an octopus? Should he not be placed in a class with the man that knocks his own business? That sort of man is invariably neither a good neighbor nor a good citizen.

## Smith Morris NIGHT SCHOOL

Died In Barn Door.

For Boys and Men.

Quite a little excitement prevailed over town Saturday morning when it was announced that a man had been found dead on the street in East Kings Mountain. It soon developed, however, that the dead body was not found in the street but in the barn door at Mr. L. C. Hord's lot near the Pauline mill. No mystery surrounded the event and there was no trouble at identification. It was the body of Mr. Smith Morris, a white man of 25 years, who drove the wagon for Mr. Hord. The first announcement of the death of the young man came by way of Mr. Bob Beam who while working about the mill saw Mr. Hord's

The spirit of progress continues to captivate the people of Kings Mountain. Last week in our account of the Piedmont Music Company we said that it was the very latest creation unless something else had been born since we went to press was a burning while we were writing that selfsame article, namely, the Farm School account of which appears in another column. Now something else has turned up. The Herald Night School For Boys is here. The night school which has been conducted by Attorney N. F. McMillan for the past several months has been taken over by Editor Page of the Herald and Mr. Munroe Rhea. Mr. Page

Lemaster's oat patch, one of the mules having a bridle on and the other not. Mr. Beam caught the mule wearing the bridle and led him up to Mr. Hord's house and announced his find. Mr. Hord had not yet gotten up as it was only about seven o'clock in the morning. With all haste did he prepare himself for an investigation of the situation. As quickly as possible he went to the barn and not seeing Mr. Morris readily began looking for him and soon saw his feet protruding from the door of the feed room and his head lying back in the room. Mr. Hord called to him but with no response. He called to Mr. Beam who was just passing the lot on his way back to the mill; to come there that the man looked to be dead. Mr. Beam preferring to take no further hand mended his gate and answered back that he would send Mr. Joe Cole who was soon upon the spot. The two men undertook to resuscitate the man but soon decided that it was no use and sent for Dr. J. G. Hord who pronounced him dead.

Sheriff Wilkins and Coroner T. K. Barnett of Shelby were notified and arrived together at 10:30. A jury was empanelled and the inquest followed. The jury was composed of the following, Frank Lindsay, G. W. Kendrick, W. R. Atkins, J. S. Mauney, E. W. Neal and Henry Gallimore. The jury not being able to agree Dr. J. E. Anthony was sent for. No foul play was suspected but some suspicion arose as to the quality of some whiskey which deceased had drunk on the day before. Dr. Anthony had the body removed to H. T. Fulton & Co.'s undertaking establishment where a post mortem examination was performed. The verdict of the doctor was that deceased came to his death as a result of heart failure and so was the verdict of the jury.

Deceased was the son of J. R. Morris of Cherokee, S. C. His people were notified as soon as possible and two brothers, S. B. and G. A. Morris, and D. D. Martin arrived on train No 12 Saturday afternoon and took charge of the body. They left on No. 39 Sunday morning with the body and expected to lay it to rest in the cemetery at Buck Creek Baptist church near Cherokee, S. C. later in the day. The deceased was a member of Buck Creek church and his pastor, Rev. C. F. Felind, conducted the funeral.

His parents, two brothers and three sisters survive. We under-

stood the school after seven years consecutive experience as principal of some of the best High Schools in the state and Mr. Rhea has been teaching in the night school for Mr. McMillan. Mr. McMillan will not sever his connection with the school but will continue as professor of penmanship. The reason for the change is very obvious. Mr. McMillan's practice is ever growing and his time for school work is becoming more and more limited while the school is steadily growing and demands more attention. Mr. Rhea is also a very busy man. He is bookkeeper at the Johnstown mill. Its no use to say anything for the Herald man for he is always busy. Idle bread is not a part of his menu. However, with the combined efforts of the total management we hope to make school one of the leading factors in the educational life of the city. Its prime object is to put a good school in the reach of the laborer who cannot attend the day school and the elder man who was deprived of an early education. There will be no age limit or entrance requirements if the situation justifies it a little later entrance requirements may be inaugurated in order to obviate too much latitude of work for the limited time which we have to give it two hours per night for three nights in the week is the present schedule, the nights being Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, of each week.

The course of instruction will not be as broad as that of the public schools covering only two or three of the essentials. The limited time which students will be able to use in school will not justify a full curriculum. English, Mathematics, Penmanship and spelling will be the main studies. We expect to add Bookkeeping and Stenography just as soon as a class can be organized.

The intent of the school is to supply a pressing need in the life and welfare of the people. There are so many people who are hungry and for a better education and by circumstances insurmountable are not in position to attend the day school that we feel that the night school will prove an everlasting blessing to them. The literary feature will be stressed as much as conditions will warrant. Debates will be given occasionally. Why this? So many people go out to fight the battle of life without being able to get up before an audience and express an opinion. Again, the school may be able to help students conditioned in

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