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FIFTEEN UNITS.

The announcement from Clemson College that fifteen units of preparatory work is required of applicants for entrance into that institution will be welcomed by those of us who are interested in higher education in South Carolina.

The University, the Citadel and Clemson College should do college work, and there is no room in any of these institutions for high school work.

We cannot expect our colleges to take their place with the colleges in other states if we do not make the same entrance requirements as do these colleges. What is true of the state schools is true of the denominational colleges in the state.

For several years there has been a laxity in the entrance requirements by the colleges of this state which has made college work proper an impossible task. It has been stated, as an excuse for this fact, that to make stringent requirements for entrance would keep a great many students out of college, and such would be an injustice to them. But there is another side to the question. The man who has already paid for preparatory work for his son and daughter and who sends him, or her, to a college to do college work is entitled to have that work done. If the colleges, instead of giving them a college course, are engaged in trying to teach other students high school subjects, than they are not fulfilling their obligations to those students who are prepared.

And there is no better way to get good high schools and good preparatory schools in this state and elsewhere than to stick to the entrance requirements in the colleges. The high schools will then be required to do the work and the people back at home will know it if their particular high school is falling down on the job.

We hope that the time is coming when the young men and women of the state may secure a first class college education in South Carolina and not be forced to go outside the state in order to attend a class "A" college. It is a reflection upon us that such should be the case, but such is the case at present.

Clemson has opened the way for better things. Let us hope that the other colleges will get in line, and that those students who are admitted to the colleges, be they few or many, may be able to obtain the same advantages as are obtained in the first class colleges in other states.

THE PRICE OF COTTON

The price of cotton is not as we would have it. In this section, and everywhere else over the South, the people have planted with the expectation that they would get forty cents per pound for their cotton. Unfortunately they have bought fertilizers, hired help, and gone to other expenses as if this price was a certainty. People have not stopped to think that the price of one commodity could not stay forever high if the prices of other commodities dropped.

We have not expected that cotton would sell for forty cents per pound this fall, not if a crop commensurate with the amount planted and the amount of fertilizers used was made. The season was almost unprecedented for working the crop, although the time for planting was delayed by the rains in the early spring. The result is that for the last month the prospects of a large crop were never thought to be better. The price has fallen from forty-two and forty-three cents to twenty-eight cents for spots.

Just what is to be done about the matter does not yet develop. We believe that the present crop will sell

for more than the figures now offered, however. A great deal of the cotton planted is late, and late cotton does not always make a good yield; seldom does. There is time yet for the crop to go backwards. In fact it has already gone backward, and the weather is not now especially favorable for the growth and maturing of cotton.

Our idea is that the crop in this section will not be as abundant as some people think. Most of the farmers will make a great deal less cotton than they are now counting on. If this be the case, and if the farmers are prepared to hold their cotton off the market for better prices, we expect to see cotton sell considerably higher.

A NEW STREET.

A new street is being opened from Greenville Street back towards the Harrisburg section. The new street joins Greenville between the residences of Col. McAllister and Col. Wilson Johnson. The street is being made wide enough to accommodate the largest automobiles, and as it extends through a considerable acreage of land now used for farming purposes, it will open up many new lots on which homebuilders may build.

The street is designed as something of a training ground for those people who hope to live some day on Greenville street. Those who reside on it will be, as it were, in a state of probation, and if they come through all right they will be qualified to take up their residences on Greenville street as fast as the old aristocrats now living on the latter street pass away.

Those who wish to get started in the right direction should come early and avoid the rush.

GREAT NECESSITY FOR SAFE CROP ESTIMATES

Never before was there greater necessity for dependable crop estimates nor was there ever a time, especially in South Carolina, when farmers should study government crop reports more carefully than today. For since the appearance of the boll weevil in most sections of the State many farmers are already asking themselves and making other inquiries as to what they shall plant in the place of cotton, especially those who contemplate a reduction in acreage next year. To know just what the cotton acreage should be planted is the great problem confronting practically every farmer of the State, and the date for its solution cannot be postponed. He must decide one way or another within the next few months. Will the solution be correct, will it be partially correct, or will it be a failure? We feel, as already suggested, that an intelligent and careful study of government crop reports by farmers and business men will contribute much towards knowing just what crops to substitute in place of cotton whenever there is to be a reduction in acreage, for from these reports farmers will be able to learn just what crops are being planted in other places, the acreage and production of each, the prevailing prices and the probable demand for same at harvest time. With this information the farmer will know to plant those crops in which over-production is hardly probable and thereby obviate the mistake of planting some crop already grown to such an extent in other sections to meet the probable demands.

Reports from 16 county superintendents of education have not been filed with John E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education. This omission makes it impossible, Mr. Swearingen says, to compile school statistics properly.

SCHOOLS OF STATE SHOW IMPROVEMENT

As seen in Practically Every Year of Work—More Money Needed Next Year.

Reports already on hand indicate a heavy increase in enrollment and a corresponding improvement in attendance, a regrettable abbreviation of the school term, a gratifying growth in school income, and the liberal increase in teachers' salaries. The number of districts voting a local school tax or increasing an existing tax during the last 12 months will probably reach 900 or more. The revenue accruing from these local taxes will add more than \$1,000,000

to public school receipts for the scholastic year 1920-21.

In order to improve school conditions, educational leaders planned last March to raise \$2,000,000 more for schools half of which voters and tax payers from the various districts were to be asked to supply. They have, Mr. Swearingen says, furnished more than this sum.

The legislature was to be asked for \$2,000,000. Such a public school appropriation by the law makers would add \$1,000,000 to the nearly \$1,000,000 granted by the general assembly in 1920. With these increases the public schools of the state will have between \$6,500,000 and \$7,000,000 next year. At least \$12,000,000 will be needed, however, Mr. Swearingen thinks, before an adequate standard can be established and maintained in our educational system.

The 16 counties yet to report are: Aiken, Calhoun, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Hampton, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Oconee, Pickens, Sumter, Williamsburg.

The time for filing these reports expires August 31.

WANTS TO KNOW HOW THE CANDIDATES STAND

E. C. Meschine of Lowndesville is right after the candidates for the legislature pertaining to the matter of good roads. He wants the voters to know just how they stand on this important matter and as a means to this end he has addressed the following letter to each of the candidates. His letter reads:

Dear Sir:— Will you please, peruse a communication I have just sent to the Press and Banner in regard the road question.

It must be understood that the people desire to have all the roads of the county, without any exception, put in shape first, before they engage in the present one road improvement scheme.

We think we are entitled to the opinion of the candidates for House Representatives on this extremely important matter.

Sincerely yours,
 E. C. Meschine.

MOTHER STOOD CHILDREN AGAINST WALL AND FIRED

Fresno, Calif., Aug. 26—Eight year old daughter of Mrs. Laura L. Brown is dead, and Mrs. Brown and her ten year old son are injured seriously as the result, the police assert, of shots fired today by Mrs. Brown.

According to the police, Mrs. Brown blindfolded the children, stood them against the wall and fired a shot gun on them. Mrs. Brown has been under treatment for a nervous disorder for some time, the officers are informed.

NEGRO ATTACKS 8-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF FARMER

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 26—An unidentified negro who early today attacked the eight year old daughter of a prominent farmer of Elon College, near here, was captured two hours later by a posse of more than 150 citizens and is being taken to Graham, according to telephone advice here this afternoon from Elon College.

MICKIE SAYS:

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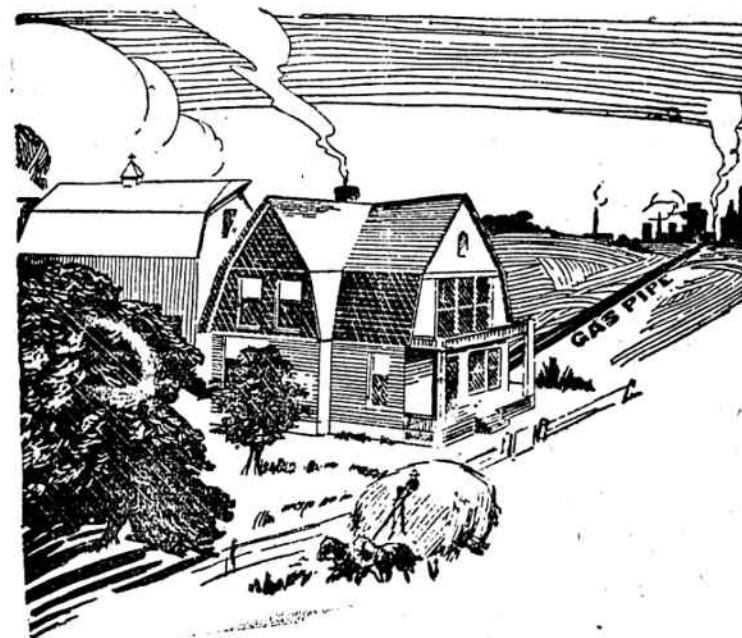
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