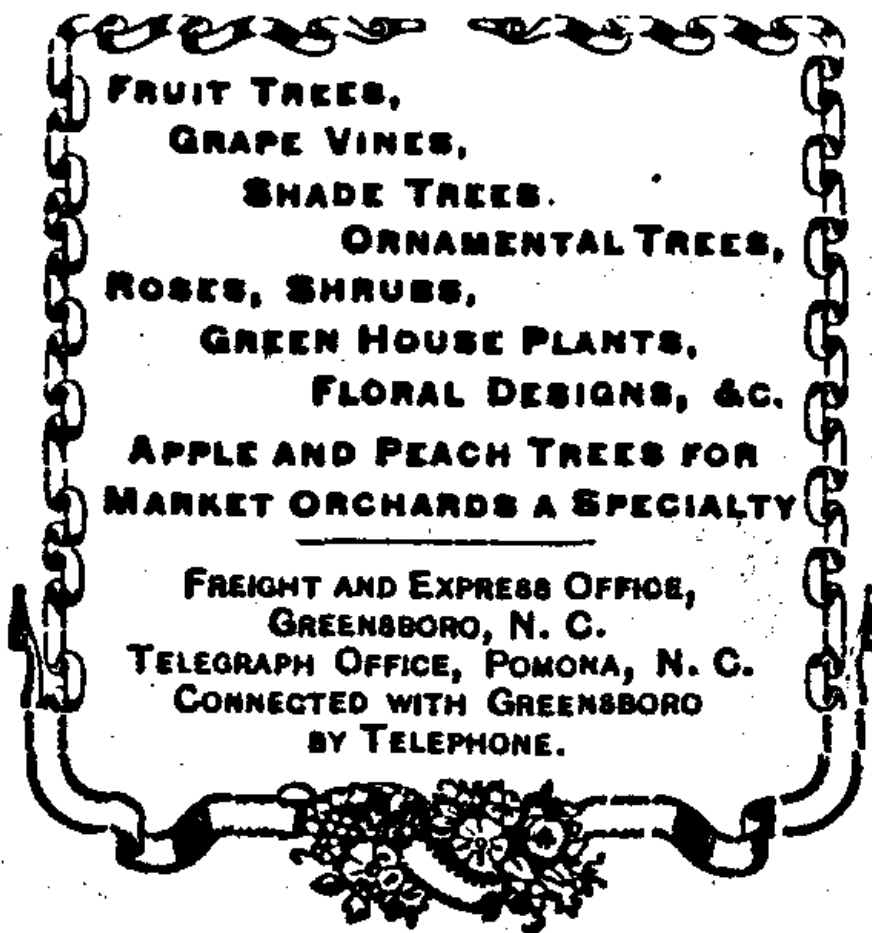


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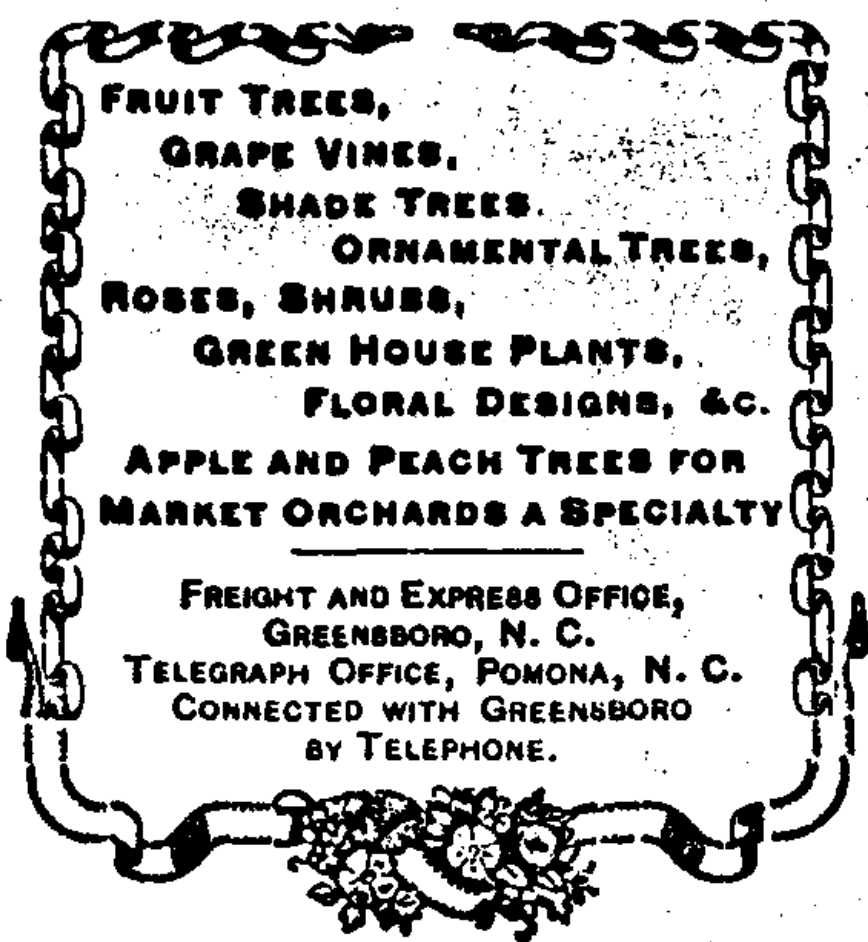
Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 24th instant carefully noted. Agriculture is the great leading branch of study at such a school. Horticulture is a kindred study and equally as important. A good horticulturist would certainly be a good agriculturist. So I can agree with you under the circumstances. One good man could fill both places, and would be sufficient for the present condition of the school. The future may require an addition. I cannot think of any one who I think could take the place, neither can I recommend a man for president. I am not personally acquainted in the state, knowing the people only by correspondence and business transactions through the mail.

I do not know why the various organizations and industries are not placed on the Board. A position on the Board has never been tendered me, neither have I been invited to meet with them.

I have just received the enclosed letter. Prof. Chambliss was employed the past season by the Pest Commission to examine the nurseries in the state, and he did his work well. I consider him a good man. He is energetic and persevering. I liked him very much. He was at my place two days. Our Pest Commission is practically a failure. It was organized under Dr. Battle and Prof. McCarthy, and they with Mr. Patterson and myself constituted the Board. McCarthy was an active entomologist. We had sent him to quite a number of places in the state, and he found the San Jose scale in several different places in the western and in the

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eastern part of the state, and he was cleaning it out. The most infested place was around Southern Pines, in Moore county. There we were giving our special attention and were making a good start, but you are aware

what the Fusion Board did two years ago. As it looked to me, Prof. Massey took a very active part in that matter. Had McCarthy discharged and had himself appointed entomologist. He at once proclaimed that the San Jose scale was no worse than the curculio or any other fruit-tree pest or disease that fruit was subject to; that the Pest Commission was "a God-send to give Dr. Battle and Prof. McCarthy something to do". He threw cold water on our work, and he being such an able man it had its influence, and our work was stopped. In the mean time the scale was spreading to an alarming extent around Southern Pines. I know Prof. Massey is quite an able man, but he took too active a part with the Fusionists. I also claim that he was the cause of the spread of the scale at Southern Pines. He is strictly for Prof. Massey and no one else.

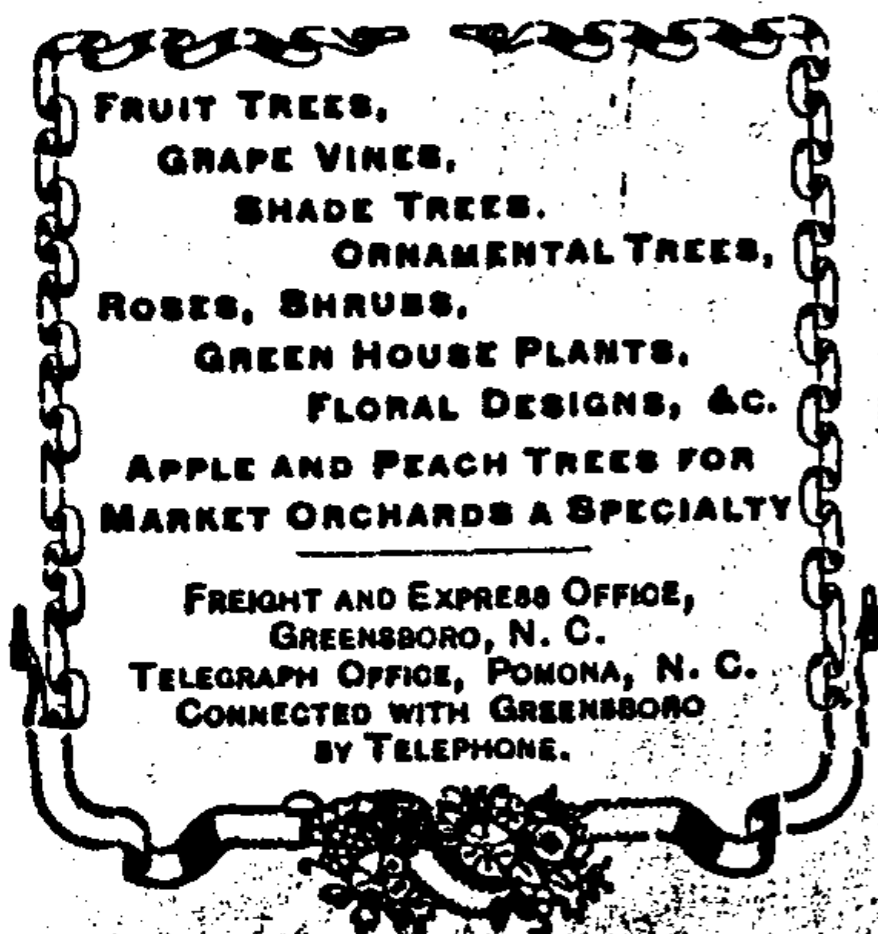
Other states have active entomologists, who work all the time destroying or directing the destroying of the scale, and have it under control. I think our state should do the same; at least, give us an entomologist.

I have written you in regard to what the fruit growers of North Carolina are interested in. If you have any influence with the Station I hope you will assist in getting an active entomologist.

Now, as you wrote me in confidence, I answer in the same confidential way. Prof. Massey and I are friends, but I have had an op-

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portunity for the past two years for finding him out, and he me, too.

I hold my position on the Pest Commission Board by being president of the North Carolina State Horticultural Society. The Board is composed of, as enacted by the Legislature of 1897, Commission<sup>er</sup> of Agriculture, Director of the Experimental Station and President of the State Horticultural Society. So you can see how I held my place during the past two years.

I have found Prof. Withers a perfect gentleman and a splendid officer.

I wish I were able to give you further information on the College work, but I am not.

I hope you will treat this as confidential and not publish it, as it is written confidentially, but facts all the same.

Yours truly,

*J. Van Lindley*