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The short course and the bringing together of the farm demonstration workers here should and no doubt will mean much for both branches of the college. It is especially beneficial in bringing before the more progressive farmer the needs of the A. and M. College on one hand and the good that the college can do for the farmer on the other. To illustrate: In the farm demonstration work there are about one hundred and sixteen counties represented in Texas. These men get their salaries partly from the Federal government and the other from their home county. It is their duty to go to the farmers of their county and advise them about the more progressive ways of farming. They also direct demonstration plots on the farms of their county and show by these that there is a better way to do things upon the farm than that practiced by the majority of the Texas farmers today. These agents represent the best farmers of their community and are themselves leaders of men. When they go home it is certain that they will be asked about the work of this college, and what it is. Also the farmers will wish to know what the needs of the college really are. In this way the farmers of one hundred and sixteen counties of the state will know what this school really needs in the way of appropriations and doubtless they will not hesitate to ask their representatives to vote for such. The work done here with the meager amount of money that the board has had at its disposal is something to be

proud of, and there is no true farmer that will hesitate to act when he knows the truth about the matter. On the other hand, the agents themselves have gained some new ideas about their work and information along agricultural lines that will make them more enthusiastic when they go to their home people. One of the district agents speaking upon this subject said: "I have learned one great thing here that will help me greatly in my work. I have learned how to get co-operative fertilizer tests carried out." Another said: "I know now just where to get any agricultural information that I have to know. What I needed was someone to write to here and ask questions that I can't answer. Now I will feel free in writing to the Extension Department for any such information. Prof. Evans can turn the letter over to the right men." The above and many other such expressions should make those in charge of the Short Winter Course feel proud of the success of the course given.

It would be a happy conclusion of a very disagreeable matter if the University of Texas and the State Agricultural and Mechanical College could be permanently divorced. Let this be done, the permanent University fund equitably divided, and a direct tax imposed for the support of both institutions. This will do away with the ever-ending fight for appropriations for the two schools, and end a world of unpleasant controversy.—Bryan Eagle.

## SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL TRAIN TOURS STATE

Co-Operative with A. and M. College. Visits Sixty Texas Towns.

A special agricultural train of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, co-operative with the A. and M. College, left Texarkana on January 15 and will return on February 3. During this time the train will stop at about sixty different Texas towns. At each town about a two or three-hour lecture will be given to the farmers on the various phases of agricultural extension work. C. M. Evans and others of the A. and M. College extension department will be among the lecturers. Some of the towns to be visited by the train are Texarkana, Tyler, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Waco, Gatesville, Comanche, Hubbard, Corsicana, Hillsboro, Sherman, Fort Worth, and other smaller towns.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the Junior Class of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Monday, January 14, 1913, the following resolutions of respect were adopted:

Whereas, it pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life our beloved classmate, Archer W. Koons; be it

Resolved, That as a token of our love and friendship we extend to his mother and father and the other members of his family our heartfelt sympathies in their loss of a manly son, brother and kinsman. Never was he known to do a deed other than that becoming the true gentleman that he was. He was always kind and true, and was beloved by us all; and be it

Resolved, That as a further token of our respect, a copy of these resolutions be published in The Battalion, a copy in his home paper, and a copy be sent to his family.

COMMITTEE.

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