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To Counties Council:

Gentlemen,—The caustic criticime of the Athens Agricultural Office during the closing hours of the last session by some of the members merits some notice. As the wisdom of keeping the office was questioned from an economic standpoint, we wish to give you the opinion of the farmers who have benefited by the tireless labors of Walter H. Smith, B.S.A., District Representative, the founder and present incumbent of that office.

The establishment of Farmers' Clubs Egg Circles, School Fairs and short High School Courses in Agriculture, have been some of the important fe atures in Mr. Smith's work.

The addresses given in different parts of the counties by Mr. Smith and his assistants upon agricultural topics and processes, have not only been interesting and envertaining but have been very remunerative to persons who have tried to follow the directions given in those addresses.

As a proof of this statement we may cite the pruning and spraying of apple orchards during the last two seasons Orchards thus treated are not only healthy but bore good crops both sea sons while neighboring ones are many of them dead or dying and prouduced little or no fruit.

Another instance we may give member of our club followed Mr. Smith's advice in crating and fattening some White Wyandotte chickens with the result that he sold birds hatched the middle of May at the Poultry Fair, the 10th of December, at 19c per lb, his birds averaging \$1 27 per head. As there were a flock of between twenty and thirty and not two or three, this may be taken as a fair sample of what may be done. These are but two lines and we cannot ask the press for space to give instances of the office's work in drainage, treating seed to prevent disease and other departments too numerous to mention.

It was also suggested at that meet ing of the Council that the District Representative be required to report at the meeting of the Council; but as he has to send weekly reports to the government and an annual report of the year's work, we think that he need not be asked to attend the Brockville meetings If; however, he be required to attend, we expect for him an invitation to attend the Warden's supper

and the trip on the St. Lawrence but as Mr. Smith is only a layman, we hope he may not be required to follow suit to the Council's deal at refresh-

Now, gentlemen, to show you that our club is not alone in their appreciation of the great work being done by Mr. Smith, we will insert a copy of resolution passed by the County Board of Agriculture at its annual meeting August, 1914:

organizations in these counties are desirous of expressing our appreciation tinct for about a quarter of an hour. of the labors of our District Representative, Walter H. Smith, B.S A., and benefits we have received; and furthermore that the secretary of this meeting be hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mini ter of Agriculture, emphasizing the fact: that we beli-ve Mr. Smith to be one of the most intensive as well as one of the most industricus farmer's in our United Counties.

In conclusion, we wish to commend the zeal of the men who closely watch the cost of these counties' institutions but we believe the closing of the Athnes office would be a public calamity. . We are, gentlemen,

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Another Old Resident Dead

The death occurred in Athens Wednesday evening last about five o'clock, when Mr. Alvin Judson, a much esteemed resident, passed away suddenly with heart failure. Deceased had been in his usual good health, and during the afternoon had walked up through the village to the store of the Earl Construction Co. Shortly after his return, he went out to feed his bens Moved by W. M. Bass of Croshy return, he went out to feed his bens and seconded by Alex. Elliott, of and attend to his evening chores. Chantry, that this County of Leeds About 5 o'clock, his lifeless form was and Grenville meeting composed of found in the woodshed, where he had delegates from d fferent agricultural collapsed on his way into the house to all appearances, life had been ex-

The late Mr. Judson was born on farm near Glen Elbe some 71 years his staff of scientific assistants; and we are, and was a son of the late Mr. and hereby return him our thanks for the Mrs. Ira Judson. About 41 years ago or more, he gave up farming, and took up residence in Athens, where he had resided ever since. He was of a quiet and cheery disposition, and made many friends. In religion, he was a Methodist, and in politics, 2 Liberal. He leaves a wife and family of two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. The children are: James W. of Brockville; Fred Judson and Mrs. W. F. Ear!, Athens. Mr. Rufus D. Judson of Athens, is a brother of deceased. The late Mr. Judson was member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

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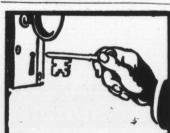
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