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STIMSON, Rufus W., 1868- Originator in 1908 at Northampton, Mass., of combined SCHOOL AND HOME FARM COOPERATION and HAXX BALANCED EDUCATION concepts and program. "Compulsory Student Labor" denounced. "Home Projects" and other year-around "Su-pervised Farm Practice" substituted. Father and son, or student and employer, united in making every farm represented by a student a part of the school. Plan intended to cut down, or to cut out, capital and upkeep outlays from taxation for far-from-home school farms, at a time when not a few were fighting for Federal Aid for a national dormitory schoolfarm system. Programmed to activate agricultural college and school TEAMWORK in neighborhoods, and to begin upgrading students from the day of admission in pleasant and profitable farming careers and in high-minded citizenship. Innovator variously styled: "Father of supervised farming in connection with ed. in voc. ag., " "Father of the home preject," "Pioneer," "Prophet," and more than once in Mass., "The Horace Mann of ag. ed. in the public schools." Joint compiler with Dr. F. W. Lathrop, and aided by 170 State dept. ed. and Land-Grant college and univ. official writers, of the U. S. Office of Ed. "Hist. Ag. Ed", plated in 1942, publication delayed by WAR priorities until Dec., 1944, then promptly put into 3rd printing, by U. S. Govt. Printing Office. Investigator. Author. Editor. Oral advocate. My own characterization of this pioneer in 1929 needs no revision in 1946, and may be read on p. Fuller details in F. E. Heald article, above pp. , and below in PART SIX: SANCTIONS OF -- H. M. Hamlin. COMMON SENSE.

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24 August 1946

Dear Dr. Hamlin:

You told me to write my own ticket for our HONOR ROLL. Then you advised me to combine two sketches, one shorter, the other longer. On another occasion, for other men, you approved using smaller type in order to keep records longer than 20 lines within the page space of about 20 lines of regular type.

The lapse of time and the ending of the WAR, plus the publication of our HIST. AG. ED...., have made another revision of my record necessary, -- with the result as it now stands on my ms. above shown.

Can you stomach this ?

Sincerely yours,

Rufus W. Stimson.



