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**The Durham County Home**

The Durham County Commissioners have acted wisely in postponing the appointment of a successor to the late E. T. Mangum, Superintendent of the County Home. This is one of the most important positions under the supervision of the commissioners. This institution must be guarded with exceptional wisdom. There are the self-seeking, the grafter and the unskilled, who look upon it as an opportunity for their own betterment. The institution was created for the betterment of the unfortunate w of the county, and not for those who would be themselves. From every viewpoint this is one of most difficult problems with which the board ha deal.

This is not only an institution for the poor, sick, aged, unfortunate and the prisoner. It is the place of expression of the soul of Durham County in behalf of humanity and all of its hurt. Each classification is a problem within itself. Aside from the problem of comfortable care for these is the manifest need of a sympathetic understanding of each classification, and also the problem of each individual. The history of each individual case should be understood as far as possible, and treated accordingly. The general social welfare of those committed to the county's care is paramount. Any person entering upon such a stupendous task should do it in behalf of humanity, and not as a place of personal profit. The problem of proper discipline, firmness, executive ability, sympathy, justice tempered with mercy, and above all plenty of good common horse sense. Then too, he must be an expert farmer, with knowledge of trucking and general farming. The labor in the large being that of a questionable quality suggests another angle to the situation. Who is sufficient for these things?