

The Independent Voters League

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

March 23, 1933

Mr. C. W. Massey, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
507 S. Alston Avenue
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Massey:

As Executive Secretary of the Independent Voters League, I wish to respectfully and prayerfully call to the attention of our Board of County Commissioners the following matters of importance which we sincerely hope we will be able to get your full cooperation. They are as follows:

1. The wives of the white farmers of the county for some considerable number of years have been blessed with the splendid opportunity of having a Home Agent to teach them the various processes of preserving and canning. Unfortunately for the colored wives of our farmers, no such opportunity has been provided. The spring is rapidly approaching and there will be a great demand and need for much canning and preserving and we are therefore asking for your favorable consideration of an appropriation of \$75.00 a month for three months during the spring and summer for the appointment of a Colored Home Agent to work among the wives of the Negro farmers of the county.
2. The Mechanics and Farmers Bank has been very kind and considerate with the county in furnishing office space for the County Farm Agent, but we are sure the county does not hope for this situation to continue indefinitely, therefore, we are asking your favorable consideration for an appropriation of \$20.00 a month for the maintenance for the County Farm Demonstrator that he may have space in which to have his conferences from time to time with the Negro farmers. I have had opportunity to speak to the farmers of Durham County assembled on three different occasions and have been very deeply impressed with the fine work that is being done by the Demonstrator in creating interest among those farmers in their farms as well as their loyalty and good will to Durham County.
3. The Farm Demonstrator necessarily has to do a lot of traveling and the most of this traveling carries him over the roughest roads of the county and because of that, two additional expenses are against him which come out of his present income: First, the cost of gas by virtue of having to travel much in order to

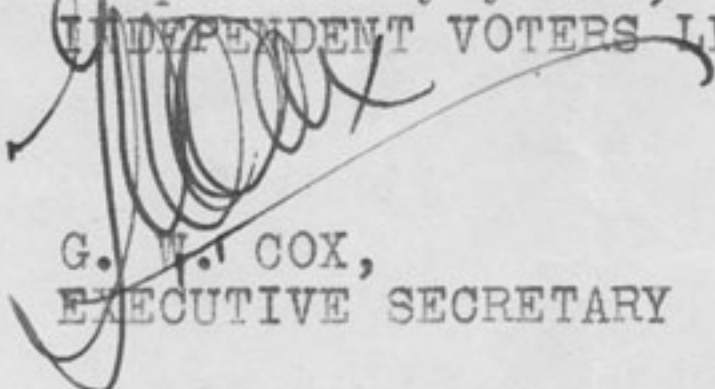
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keep in touch with the Negro farmers; second, the wear and tear on the automobile by virtue of having to travel over the worse roads to get to these Negro farmers. For the reasons given, we are asking that the Board of County Commissioners would favorably grant an appropriation of \$35.00 a month to the Farm Demonstrator for traveling expenses.

We respectfully submit these matters to your prayerful attention and would appreciate an early reply.

Respectfully yours,
INDEPENDENT VOTERS LEAGUE



G. W. COX,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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