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## AN ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

Clyde L. Davis, Keeper of the Great Seal of the Sandhills,  
Tells What the Dynamo Is

Workings of the Farm Demonstration Idea in Moore County.

### THE ETERNAL QUESTION

"Zanny thing happening in the Sandhills now?" The secretary hears this question day after day from Dan to Beer-sheba and from Ben Salem to Lobelia. It is perfectly pertinent and is usually asked with genuine interest and in all sincerity. The answer is yes,—yes with multitudinous acclaim and wild eclat. "Zanny thing happening in the Sandhills!" Well I should say there is. It is dollars to doughnuts that there is not a rural section this side of Northern France where so many different things are happening just now.

### ANOTHER QUESTION

This is no empty boast. And anyone who could ride over this section day after day and see the hundreds and hundreds of acres that are being cleared or improved which a few months ago were wild as Eden before Adam would readily comprehend that something is taking place. My employers expect me to know what is going on in the Sandhills. I work every day and usually put in between ten and sixteen hours; but I find it impossible to keep up with all that is being done. The paramount question in my mind sometimes is, "What isn't being done in the Sandhills?"

### SEEING THINGS

As I rode into Candor recently I saw something. I went to investigate. If the Allies had built a munitions plant here with capacity enough to supply the French Army I wanted to know it. But superintending the construction of the great building I saw the Reverend Robert Arrowood, and then I knew that Candor has a new high school of which a town twice its size might well be proud. Coming back Mr. Von Canon showed me through the beautiful new church at West End. Just after I had watched the remodeling of the Jackson Springs Church an auto came near getting me as it whizzed by. Later I learned that the driver was excusable; for each auto that carries children to the new Derby consolidated school has to make three trips both morning and night. Somebody asks how the new Pinehurst school is doing and before this can be answered someone else asks if I know that the Women's Auxiliary has raised another thousand dollars for the Farm Life School. I attempt to come back by saying that the new schools at Samarcand and near Lobelia are both doing well, and that I have been invited to talk at Ingram Branch as soon as the new school house is finished, and that Mr. Lowry said day before yesterday that one of the best of the New England masters would surely have a private school at Jackson Springs next winter; but that I am not sure Dr. Achorn's friend will

establish the school at Pinebluff, and that I do not know as yet just what the gentleman who is now writing to me about founding a school here will do. "Zanny thing doing in the Sandhills!" It would take an around-the-world-in-eighty-days man to keep up with the schools alone!

### FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH AND ELSEWHERE

Nearly every day somebody writes to know about what the section has to offer. Forty letters have come in in less than two months asking for printed matter, and some are coming to look the place over with a view of locating here. Books and letters are sent to them. The letters are written conservatively and nothing is stated that cannot be backed with facts. The facts are plenty strong and striking enough without any frills or frescoes.

### ALREADY HERE

No one but the recording angel knows just how many people have settled in the Sandhills during the last year. The place is so big that nothing but Gabriel's trumpet could locate them all. Scores have visited and not a few have located in the vicinity of Cameron. Mr. Hinshaw is getting a colony to going near Vass. D. J. Priest has a lot of new neighbors down near Lakeview. There are several new families at West End, and wherever one goes one finds the old faces nearly all there still and new ones here and there. Mr. T. D. McLean has an opportunity to travel over this section three times as much as the average citizen has. Yet the other day when he drove into the new settlement just west of Pinehurst he found himself a stranger in the land of his birth. If all the development that has taken place in the past year could be put in one place even the dullest man would soon realize that there is something going on in the Sandhills.

### GROWING EVERYTHING

It is doubtful whether any section of equal size is producing so many different crops. Last summer I counted eighteen different crops on one farm—and it wasn't Deaton's Nursery either. It was just an ordinary farm. Mr. Tufts thinks that we shall soon have hay enough and cheap enough if alfalfa pans out as well as his acre promises to do. Soudan grass promises well. The most unique thing of all, I suppose, is Mr. Springford's prune orchard which is growing famously. Of course all that miscellaneous planting is a grand medley of wisdom and folly, but nobody now knows just which is which. Moreover, some are ready to bet that pecans will soon get an inning and the evidence is that they will hold a permanent place in profitable agriculture.



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