

# THE PILOT

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## Sandhill Farm Life School

The Sandhill Farm Life School has enrolled this year 151 pupils, 59 in the elementary school and 92 in the High School, of this number 73 are living in the dormitories. A good four year High School course is given and the regular vocational work outlined by the State for Farm Life Schools.

The School is to be congratulated on securing a strong faculty of experienced teachers whose aim and purpose is not only to give sound instructions but to help each individual pupil to realize the highest development of which he is capable.

A Literary Society was organized early in the term and is doing splendid work. The society is planning to edit a paper and hope to have it published next week. The paper will not only serve as a medium of publishing school news but will be a practical and excellent way of securing correct expression of the ideas of the pupil in the Literary departments.

Athletic activities are taking on new life as was shown at the Sandhill Fair at Pinehurst last week by the excellent work done in the tournament and other field work. The exhibit by the teachers and pupils was a credit and the float which represented the state seal was an admirable piece of work.

Halloween night was celebrated with interesting and appropriate exercises. The large living room and hall was most beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, fruit and jack-o'-lanterns. Refreshments were sold in the dining hall and \$90 was cleared which with a fund already started, will be used in completing the auditorium in the school building.

The primary and grammar grades entertained the patrons of the school on Friday afternoon Nov. 5th with a very interesting program of songs and stories by the pupils and short talks by the teachers emphasizing the importance of regular attendance by the pupils and the spirit of co-operation by the patrons.

The meeting proved a very helpful and interesting one and the parents ask for similar meetings at least once a month as it brings the parents, pupil and teacher into close relationship and harmony.

Miss Bettie Tarpley entertained the Seniors in the Dining Hall on Friday evening Nov. 5th in a very delightful way. A good time was reported by all present.

Dr. Hugh Tarpley of New York spent several days with his sisters Misses Ula and Betty Tarpley last week en route for New York after a visit to his home in Spartanburg, S. C.

Miss Eliza Parker of the Farm Life School faculty is a delegate to the State Teachers Convention at Asheville.

## From Upper Hoke

Many things take place in a few years, even more than those present would expect or realize. What would the average man have told a stranger regarding the upper part of what is now Hoke County, say five years ago, then a vast area of this County lay idle in woods land covered with wire grass and black jack oaks but a land slide took place. There was a bunch of Gentlemen from Surry County heard of this vast amount of woods land in Upper Hoke and they came down and bought a large tract of this land, known as the Keith land. It then belonging to Mr. J. A. Keith, now of Vass. The land was purchased for a reasonable price and some improvements put on it and a small amount cleared up. Next came other Surry County farmers who purchased one to two hundred acre tracts of this land, also at a reasonable price and they went into the tobacco, corn and cotton business and what was then the old Shaw Hills, are now developed into good farms and are producing bountiful crops where 5 years ago the old original farmers of this section classed this as worthless land and would not have hardly paid the taxes on this land and its just the case, not only with this particular tract, but with several other similar tracts.

We have near a dozen new farmers in Little River township now, and they are generally well satisfied and are one and all, getting on fine, the majority of them have already paid for their land and have good substantial buildings erected and are living at home.

While the slump in prices of all farm produce has caused a great many of the farmers to not meet their expectations, at the same time practically all of them will be in shape to meet their most pressing obligations.

Practically each and every farmer in our particular neighborhood has made his own Hog and Hominy, and also has a good chance of cotton or tobacco to help out in his obligations and we feel proud to be able to say with conditions no worse than they are we hope to land on the top side after all. We have good schools and churches and fairly good roads, while we would be benefitted greatly if our roads were put in better condition before the heavy winter weather gets here.

As this is our first letter and also as we are not very well up on letter writing for newspapers, being kinder out of practice, we will make it short and endeavor to do better next time. We will give the local happenings, corn shucking news, etc. later.

S. A. C.

The dear creatures may in time understand politics, but they will never understand why a man has to run just because he hits the ball.

## Jackson Springs

Our booth at the Sand Hill Fair was not as good as it should have been. But we were rewarded the blue ribbon and will receive a cash prize. Why not every community begin to make plans to compete for the community premiums at the fair next year, and also individual premiums that many of our citizens received.

If we had no exhibit we should not knock the fair for it is our fair and is what we make it. We are the hosts and we should always strive to treat our visitors hospitably.

There were several good agricultural exhibits as well as the other exhibits, and it reminds us that there is a good way of advertising Moore County or the Sand Hills by having a booth at the State Fair next fall and compete for the prizes.

We have the material every fall to beat Buncombe or any of the other counties in general exhibits. Say the word and let's go to the State Fair in 1921 and see the Moore county booth. We can have one and we must begin to make our plans and have one.

Miss Patty Marks, a teacher in the local High School spent the week-end at her home in Albemarle.

Mr. W. E. Graham a student at Elon College came home for the Fair.

It will be remembered that an auction sale of lots was carried on here on Aug. 20 and 21st between showmen. Some of the best building lots, small farms, lots and farms with buildings, a peach orchard, and the lake with power plant on Jackson's Creek that remained to be sold later will be sold at auction on Tuesday Nov. 30th. There will be some unusually good bargains at this sale. Better bargains than went at the sale in August.

Some might have predicted in Aug. that none of the lots would be built upon. Since the August sale a large and modern garage has been built and a store with living rooms upstairs has been doing business for a few weeks where pines and oaks were standing up in August. Others would have built but have waited on the unsettled conditions. Our village is not dead. A few years ago we had a one teacher school, now we have eight teachers. There is not another school in this section of the State that has made such rapid progress and doubtless in the State that altogether the farmers were the promoters.

Last summer there seemed to be lost time the latter part of last week around here as well as in other places and the revenue officers were not very active. Officers made up for last time the latter part of last week and captured several blockade stills, one man, and horse and wagon left in charge of the officers by some fleet footed man who will hardly come back to claim his property. This good work was done in a few miles

## Matter of Advertising

One of the functions of a newspaper is to carry to the readers a message from people who want to reach them on various subjects. One of the most common subjects is the one of the sale of commodities. The merchant is the biggest spokesman through the newspaper. He proclaims his wares, and appraises his customers of what he has to offer them.

The Pilot will expect to serve in this respect. It intends to help the business people of the community to carry on their affairs by making known to the people what the business man is doing. The paper will be a visitor at the homes of the people, and on its arrival will bring the news of the store as well as that of everything else. It will tell who has new goods, or who makes low prices, or who offers inducements of any sort, and will help to point out to the folks how they can profit by getting things they need. The purpose is to be through the advertising department an employe of the merchant in furthering his trade.

Advertising is a wonderful help to business. You try in your place of business to make known to possible buyers what you want to do, but you can not personally reach any number of persons as compared with the number a newspaper reaches. It has to be a very inconsiderable publication if it does not reach in a day more people than all the clerks in the store could reach in a week. The paper tells the story when it is new, for it gets to practically all the people. Few homes now are without a weekly paper. So the Pilot will expect to serve in this respect.

It means to carry only a reputable line of advertising for it has no intention of capping a bunco of game. The advertiser who does not offer goods that should be sold on merit will have no place in its columns. The advertising of the Pilot will be the kind you can believe in and it will be worth while for both advertiser and reader.

of here and Eagle Springs.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will sell refreshments, etc. in the lobby of the Post office here on Tuesday, the day of the sale of the remainder of the Jackson Springs property. The proceeds will go towards work done on a Manse some time ago.

Rev. Mathewson of Fountain Inn, S. C. has accepted a call here.

A marriage of very much interest to their many friends, was solemnized at the Presbyterian church here on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock when Mr. Gurney A. Patterson and Miss Annie Stutts were united in Marriage. It was not known until a few hours before that the marriage would be in the church, but an un-

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