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From Upper Hoke

We received our first copy of the Pilot Friday and we are very much pleased to know it bids fair to be a good newsy periodical. Vass is foregoing ahead and of course needs a good advertising medium as there is no better way to make a town, a business or a community grow than by the liberal use of printers ink. While the Pilot is some what small yet we must all realize the fact that every thing has to begin on a small scale, and it's being small in the beginning is no sign or indication that it will always be a small paper. We have looked through the Pilot offices and buildings and there is no better equipped news paper plant in the county and it's job presses are also up to date and those wishing job work will do well to patronize this plant as we feel assured that they will get entire satisfaction in every respect.

Mr. Martin Simpson, one of our Surry county farmers, is preparing to move back to his old home county, not because he is not doing well in the sunny part of Hoke, but because he just likes the hills and rocks of old Surry. Mr. Simpson is not selling his farm in Hoke and may some day decide to return. We rather think he will when he again tries the clay and rocky farm he is going to move to. We hate to lose a good farmer and citizen but wish him abundant success in his new home.

There is quite a little tobacco to be marketed from this neighborhood, some very good grades and some not so good. The farmers, as a rule, are not rushing their crops on the market this fall, as they did last year. Whether this is a wise plan is yet to be determined but we fear they have made a mistake in holding their better grades of tobacco off this late, or it seems like tobacco sold better a few weeks past, than it's doing now and those that claim to know seem to be of the opinion that prices are as good now as they will be at any time to come for a while at least.

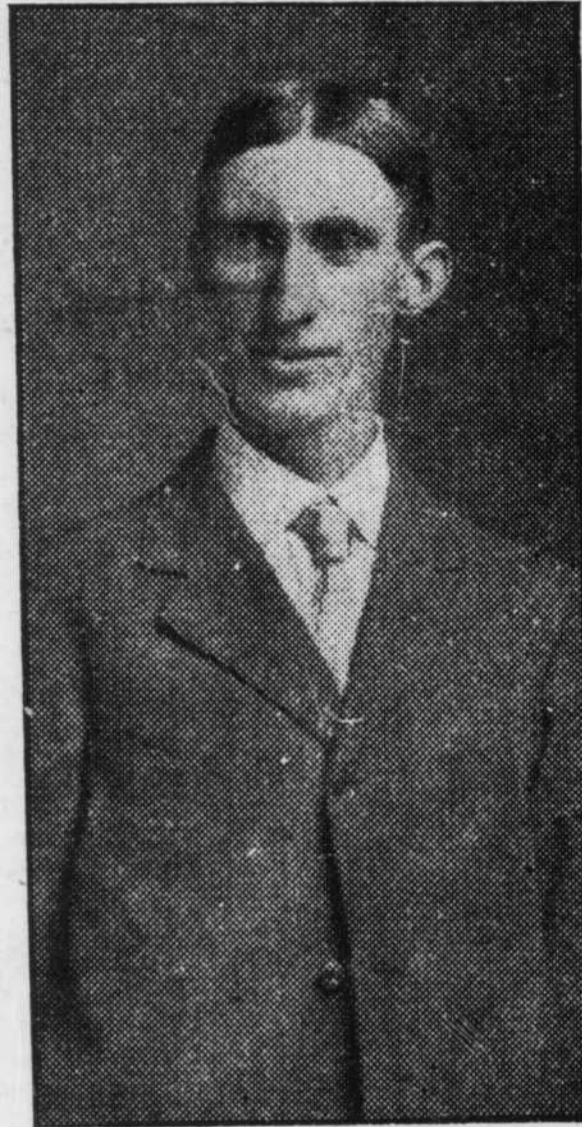
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith of Rt. 2, have a new son; mother and boy getting on fine.

Mr. Johnson, from Surry county, with another party are spending the week end with Mr. Martin Simpson.

Quite a lot of deer hunting in upper Hoke, these days, but we haven't heard of very many being killed. Mr. Henry Mathews of Vass got a few turkey Thanksgiving day while driving for deer.

It's talked that Johnsonville township in Harnett county, which adjoins Little River township in Hoke county will soon have good roads in all directions. Johnsonville voted a bond issue some time ago and we have been informed that they have sold their bonds to a New York company and are now ready to begin work as soon as a contract can be secured. Should any one desire securing a road job in Johnsonville they may Communi-

Mr. DANIEL A. McLAUHLIN



Who goes into office as one of the County Commissioners next Monday, will fill it with a credit to himself and to his county. Mr. McLaughlin is 52 years old and was reared near Vass. He was educated at the "Old Pocket High School," near Sanford. His business connections have been with some of the best men of this section of the State. He now holds the responsible position as the cashier of the prosperous Bank of Vass.

Entertained at Dinner

Mrs. Henry A. Matthews, who is known for her hospitality, entertained a few of her friends at her home here, on Thanksgiving day. The table was laden with all the delicacies of the season, and that her guests enjoyed the feast is putting it mildly. Merriment flew thick and fast around the table, and jokes and jests kept the guests in a laughter all the while. It was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The hostess was highly complimented by her guests for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner served. Those partaking were:

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Irvin and children, Mrs. Mildred Matthews, Mrs. J. A. Keith, Misses Margaret and Cornelia Keith, Miss Carrie Westcott and Rev. Harry M. North. The following menu was served:

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Roast Chicken with Sage Dressing	
Frizzled Venison	Giblet Gravy
Cream Sauce	
Sweet Potatoes	White Potatoes
Pumpkin Pie	Apple Pie
Cocoanut Cake	Chocolate Cake
Jelly Preserves	
Butter Milk	Coffee Milk

cate with Mr. Howard Johnson, of Pineview, N. C. He has the matter in charge so we understand and no doubt will be glad to receive bids on the work. This township is badly in need of roads and we hope they will soon get them. SAC.

30-Cent Cotton by January

Last Monday Senator Heflin, of Alabama, in a statement to a Baltimore Sun's special reporter made in Washington, declared that cotton would sell higher in a short time. He based this prediction, first, on the short crop, the fifth one in this country in recent years, and next, upon the apparent determination of thousands of cotton growers to hold their output indefinitely for a profitable price.

"There can be no doubt," Mr. Heflin said, "about cotton prices going higher. There has never been such a cotton holding movement in the South as we find there today. Our people simply cannot afford to sell at prices now offered. There will be no cotton sold until the price goes back to 30 cents and above. The farmer, the merchant and the banker in the cotton growing States have done what bear manipulators and spinners have forced them to do. They have tied up the spot cotton market as it has never been tied up before.

"We have it in our power to compel prices that will cover the cost of production and yield a profit, and we are going to do it. Cotton will sell for 30 cents before January 1.

"This is the fifth small cotton crop in the United States. The American crop this year is 5,000,000 bales short of what the world demands of us.

"The tremendous slump in the prices offered for cotton is responsible for a half million bales being left in the fields. The final gin report will show that we ginned up to November 84 per cent. of the crop of 1920."

Lakeview

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Tayntor and children, Majorie and Ernest and Mr. Leon Wescott, of West Eaton, N. Y., arrived in town last week for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gibbon, after spending ten days here left Friday for Washington, D. C., where Mr. Gibbon is in government work.

Mesdames Helen M. D'Auby and Clark, of Pontiac, Mich., have arrived for the winter and are at Mrs. D'Auby's attractive little cottage, Dogwood-Kennel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Newcomb, of Pinehurst spent Thanksgiving at their home here and had as their dinner guests, Misses Alice Littlefield and Rebecca Bacon of this place, and Messrs. Irving Johnson and Charlie Mason, of Pinehurst.

Messrs. Floyd McLean and Wellon McLean, of Laurinburg, spent Thanksgiving with their people here.

Mr. J. R. McQueen made a business trip to South Carolina last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gardner, of Pinehurst, were visitors in our village Thursday.

Miss Alma Cagle spent Saturday last in Carthage with friends.

Master Glenn and little Miss Frances Lee Caviness are spending this week with relatives in Aberdeen.

Messrs. T. D. Gibb and W. C. Hendren went to Charlotte one day last week on a business trip.

Mrs. J. D. Carroll, left on Friday after spending several weeks with relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caviness, of Vass, were pleasant visitors here Monday.

Mrs. M. P. Causey and little daughter Mildred are in Hamlet for a week's visit.

Mr. T. O. Gibb has purchased the Miller house from Mr. W. H. McNeill and the Gibb family have recently moved into it.

The Ladies Aid met last week with Mrs. H. S. McLean. Quite a number of the members were present and a lot of business transacted. It was decided to have a call meeting Tuesday afternoon to sew and complete plans for the "sale" which is to be held soon.

Dr. Foss Dead

Dr. H. E. Foss for several years the editor of the Sandhill Citizen at Southern Pines, died Tuesday morning after a long sickness, aged 63 years. Dr. Foss came to Moore county about 18 years ago an invalid from Philadelphia, where he had been pastor of a leading Methodist church. He improved in health and engaged in local newspaper work and helped to build up the sandhill section. He made the local paper one of the most conspicuous country papers in the South. He leaves a wife and daughter.

The Outlook, published at Pinehurst, has made its appearance for the '19-'20 season. The cover is in colors and the general get-up of the journal is up-to-date and a credit to Pinehurst. Mr. O. H. Peacock is conducting the Outlook this season.