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JOINING MOORE COUNTY

The legislative session is drawing to a finish and the little triangle which has been cut off of Hoke county by the camp is still out there in the wilderness isolated from everywhere. During the last year or two considerable talk was heard about attaching that separate strip to Moore county. But so far it does not seem to be attached. If those who have been getting petitions for this purpose are interested in the matter it would seem that they had better move quickly or the legislature will adjourn. Moore county is the proper place for the abandoned part of Hoke to turn and Vass is the convenient trading center and banking and business point for the people out that way. A direct good road come right up to Carthage, the county seat, and as the interests of that bit of country are identical with those of this upper end of Little river valley the matter ought to be pushed to a finish.

NO RAILROAD CROSSING

While other places are talking about the dangers of railroad crossings Vass is one town that is not concerned in this respect. Every other point along the Sea Board Air Line has its dangerous crossings and some of them are wholly inexcusable death traps. Vass has nothing of the kind. From one side of the town to the other two substantial bridgers carry the highways for above the tracks. And no fear is felt by the traveler of collision with its serious results.

Of course no credit can be claimed for the town for such conditions as exist but we have those conditions nevertheless. Credit is of small consequence. The fact is the main thing. Vass is the one town of any consequence in this county or up or down the Sea Board Air Line for miles that can not have a railroad crossing collision under any circumstances. It is practically impossible for a vehicle to get on the track as no road leads to the railroads except at the station and even there the station is between the road and the tracks.

THE YARN TRADE

Reports from textile and knitting centers note a better demand for cotton yarns. Slowly the mill situation is improving and it is hoped that with spring business coming in the textile mills and the knitting establishments will both be running on such schedule that the demand for yarn will keep the spinning

mills busy. As was expected the tendency of wages is downwards but with other things getting very much lower nothing else was in sight but wage reduction. In this respect communities like Vass are better off than those in the north or in larger places. In a little town an operative has a much better chance to live at a lower figure than in the bigger places. The main supplies of every kind cost less. A garden, some chickens, a pig and possibly a cow go along way to help out the family expenses. Fuel is not expensive or hard to secure. And many of the ways to spend money that are on every hand in the bigger places are avoided in a little town. The prospects for the mill worker in Vass are good. The thrifty operative who will work and take proper care of money that is earned will come through all right. Prices of everything will be on a lower scale but the outlook is good for 1921 in this community.

THE MID-PINES CLUB HOUSE

McNeils township a few years ago enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most sterile townships of one of the most sterile counties of North Carolina. Today conditions are exactly the reverse. It is one of the most progressive and resourceful townships of what is probably the most progressive county in the state. And North Carolina has come to be a mighty progressive state. In another three or four years McNeils township will probably be far in the lead of the other townships of Moore and Moore will hold a position among the North Carolina counties which will be entirely satisfactory.

Next week it is expected that a contract will be awarded for the construction of the Mid-Pines club house, just this side of Southern Pines. This club house and the development that follows it is destined to run into millions of dollars within a very few years. Already a number of Northern men of unlimited means are making an investment there in the Knollwood territory and it is useless to try to guess what they will do before they get through. The Mid-Pines country club will have a membership of one hundred and the membership fees will total a quarter of a million dollars. This will constitute a fund to establish the club house and the golf grounds which will be only the beginning of what is to be done. The next assessment of property in McNeils township will find considerable land that will be valued at a thousand dollars an acre or more and no doubt some of it in the immediate vicinity of the Mid-Pines club will be worth double that sum. By that time no doubt, buildings that will be put on some of the land will make individual acres with their buildings that will run up to ten or fifteen or twenty thousand dollars an acre.

It may seem that The Pilot is lay-

ing undue stress on development that is at the farthest end of the township but that development is going to give this township and this county a stimulus in more ways than any of us can predict. In the matter of taxes alone the five thousand acres of the Knollwood holdings will produce a revenue that will add a big percentage to the present income. Good roads will be built. Not only around the Mid-Pines country club and Knollwood and Edgemore but running out from those places to all directions. The Mid-Pines club will not be happy until the national highway from the north through Vass and Lakeview will be one of the best roads in this part of the state. The Knollwood influences and the people who come there will bring more attention to Lakeview and the advantages of that charming resort. Five years from now Vass will be on the suburbs of a thrifty extension of that Knollwood center and we will have all the advantages of the resort settlement, although on the outskirts and without the responsibilities. Columns could be written about what this thing means but they would not tell the story. The beginning at Knollwood means just as much as the beginning of Patrick's work at Southern Pines or the beginning of James Tufts work at Pinehurst. It has this advantage, the Knollwood beginning starts at a point infinitely in advance of that from which Southern Pines and

Pinehurst commenced. With that advantage the result should be proportionately greater. And it will.

Last Friday Representative George R. Ross, introduced a bill in the House to amend the charter of Carthage.

Camp Bragg, about eight miles from Vass, has received an appropriation of \$13,000 for its artillery school from Congress.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Vass

at Vass in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business February 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$160,017 36
Overdrafts unsecured	183 00
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	12,300 00
Banking Houses \$1661 02	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,788 00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks and Trust Companies	24,554 35
Total	\$200,503 84

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 20,000 00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	3,034 28
Bills Payable	6,000 00
Deposits subject to check	75,519 77
Savings Deposits	93,902 27
Cashier's Checks outstanding	2,047 52
Total	\$200,503 84

State of North Carolina, County of Moore February 28, 1921.

I, D. A. McLAUCHLIN, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. A. McLAUCHLIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd day of March, 1921.

A. M. CAMERON, Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb. 13, 1922.
J. A. KEITH,
S. R. SMITH,
A. D. McLAUCHLIN,
Directors.

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PERSONALS

Mr. George P. Thompson spent in Sanford on business.

Mr. D. C. McGill spent the week with his family and returned Sunday.

Miss Jessie Thompson, of Asheville, here with friends Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cameron Cox and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Smith at Swanstation Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Allen, who is at White Hill, spent the week-end with Bertha Sanford.

Mrs. S. R. Smith is at Hamlet side of her grandmother, Mrs. M. S. Smith, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Neill Smith and J. D. Georgia Conley and Miss E. Conley spent Sunday at Coats, N. C.

Mr. Jarvis Brooks was in Vass visiting.

Mrs. W. B. Graham, Mrs. C. J. Temple and Miss C. Temple, visited Mrs. J. W. Smith last Sunday.

Miss Ossie Edwards who is near Jonesboro, visited her and Mrs. G. S. Edwards and Sunday.

Mr. D. J. Blue and Mr. Frazer of near Raeford, were pleasant at the home of Mr. J. A. Keith on Sunday.

Mr. Daniel Smith is at the Charlotte, this week, under the name of Daniel Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oldham, J. E. Caviness and J. E., Jr. spent Sunday in Rockfish with friends.

Mrs. Bertie Matthews and Franklin spent Sunday in Sanford.

Mrs. Kate Brooks and Miss E. E. Brooks visited the home of Mrs. M. E. Eron on Cameron Route 1, Sunday noon last.

Mr. B. Cole, of the Sanford office, was in Vass Tuesday on business and paid the Pilot office a visit.

Prof. W. D. Matthews, Mr. C. Matthews, Misses Maria and Stacie Matthews, at the Montrose last Sunday.

Messrs. Arthur Thompson, J. H. Thompson and Misses Lois Sanford McGill attended the entertainment at Cameron on last Friday night.

Dr. Alex Blue, of Carthage, visited the Pilot office a pleasant whilst Tuesday.

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