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### THE COURT HOUSE

The sentiment of the people of Moore county seems to be that now is not the time to build a new court house, but that the old one can be put in shape for a few thousand dollars to serve all purposes for many years, and that that should be done at an early date. Probably that sentiment is right. The business of a court house is to provide a place for the administration of the public affairs of the county with the best possible convenience and efficiency, and anything that accomplishes that is to be advised. But to build a fine big building largely for the show of the thing, and at a time when the men who are obliged to pay cannot build showy ones for themselves, is not a prudent step.

It seems that by providing a little more room for the offices, making safer vaults for the records, and rebuilding the roof so that its safe the present building will answer all requirements. If that be the case it is not necessary to spend money that will have to be borrowed to build something that is not essential, for the people have other uses for all the money they can get hold of under present conditions.

The roads will entail a big expense on the county in the next few years, and schools have to be considered also in the immediate future. With these two items of expense on hand, and those other incidentals that are always arising it is just as well to avoid big expenses that can be avoided. Then at some other time if money becomes more abundant a new court house can be considered, and if necessary those who need it and will have it to pay for can build it. But not now.

### THE MID-PINES CONTRACT

The awarding of the contract for the Mid-Pines country club near Southern Pines and Pinehurst means that the eastern side of Moore county is starting a season of what promises to be unusual activity along the building line. A quarter of a million involved in the beginning of this building, and the beginning is to be followed when the first part is completed by a further extension that will run further into money and industry

Along with this big job others that will climb up into many thousands are scheduled in various parts of the community about Knollwood and Southern Pines, promising work for all who want to lend a hand, and business for everybody.

This is one of the biggest building contracts ever let in this part of the state, but at that it is merely the commencement of a bigger work that is immediately to follow. It is probably safe to guess that within two or three years the private expenditures for winter homes, and some summer homes also, will exceed the amount that is to be put into this first Mid-Pines contract. Before the stakes that mark the lot boundaries are fully defined James S. Barber, the wealthy New York steamship man, and the prominent Moore county developer bought the first lot on the land adjacent to the golf course, and when Mr. Newcomb informed that under the terms of the deed he would have to build a house in eighteen months said he would begin it tomorrow if that made any difference. But whether he begins it tomorrow or when he feels like it he will build a house there and a good one, and others will follow him. This contract marks the beginning of two things, the club house itself and all that goes with the golf club, and likewise the private homes and all that they signify.

The conclusion of the contract with the Raleigh firm to build the Mid-Pines club house is the beginning of another eventful period in Moore county.

### A SATISFYING PROSPECT

It is intimated that John McQueen is to be given the contract for supplying the lights at the Knollwood development. If it is the case it is a satisfying prospect, for John McQueen is a man who will be dependable as long as a man can be dependable and when he can't he will frankly say so, and throw up the sponge and get out of the way for any man who can do better.

For years John McQueen has been identified with Moore county progress. Sometimes he has had the bear by the tail, and has had a lively tussle to hang on or let go, but in the big majority of cases he has landed the bear with entire satisfaction to all who have been concerned. He is a business man from the ground up, and as square as anything can be made from meat and bone. He will give Knollwood the best that can be given,

in the right manner and on the right basis, and in doing it reflect credit on his community as well as himself.

Vass has a little personal pride in John McQueen. His father before him was interested at Lakeview, just outside of Vass, and the son follows the father in being a prominent factor in the adjoining community. To see the younger fellows of the community follow in the footsteps of the older ones who have walked aright is always a pleasure for any rural neighborhood, and the Pilot rejoices whenever anything comes John McQueen's way, for he is always ready to turn something to the door of every man who has just claim of human sympathy.

### NO NEW COUNTY

The proposition for a new county has not met with a very enthusiastic welcome. Moore county is not a very big county, and the area that would be cut off to make a new county is not so far from the present county seat that the court house is hard for anybody to reach. But to make a new county would cut into Hoke county which has already been slaughtered by Camp Bragg, into Scotland which is small and into Richmond which

has nothing to lose. The result would be another small county in a nest of small counties, and another big outlay for public buildings in a territory that has no money to throw away for more public buildings. Then Moore could hardly view with indifference the cutting off of the most progressive part of the county just at the time when the county as a whole has struck a clip that is commanding the attention of the whole state. A new county has no possible chance to get by in this part of the state.

### A FINE SPRING

Probably the oldest inhabitant does not recall another such a spring as this one. Following a winter of unusual mildness the early spring has come with all the completeness of a period of several weeks without frost, and the prospects now are that if a freezing temperature should yet come it will hardly be severe enough to do any damage. We have all known that Middle North Carolina has one of the finest climates on earth, but at that we do not often have such a perfect season as spring has been this year. It is worth living to live in this section of creation, even if we had nothing but a spring like this to make it so.

## GUNTER'S STORE

### GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Quality Satisfaction Groceries  
Drugs Dry Goods  
Meats Flour Meal  
Feed Fruits

## PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tysco  
itors in Carthage Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Matthews was  
in Cameron Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Keith was  
Davidson college for the week.

Miss Ethel Coats spent  
her home in Coats.

Mr. James Steed, of T  
Vass last Monday on bus.

Mayor W. H. McNeill o  
paid the Pilot office a ve  
visit on publication day.

Mr. R. A. Bryan, of Car  
Vass a business call on  
of this week.

Mr. Otis Brandon, of W  
college, spent the week e  
friends.

Mrs. John M. Ray, of Va  
was in Vass shopping o  
week.

Mr. J. D. Blue spent  
Easter holidays in Ra  
friends.

Mr. Duncan Blue, of  
spent Friday last visiti  
and relatives in and arou

Mr. M. C. McLaurin, o  
was in Vass on Thursd  
business.

Dr. M. L. Matthews an  
Sanford were with frien  
last Sunday.

Mr. C. B. Ruth, represen  
S. Storr Co., of Raleigh v  
business Tuesday.

Mr. Neil M. McKeither  
Easter holidays with his  
Raeford.

Miss Lena Body, of Ro  
spent the week end with  
Mrs. Geo. Thompson.

Miss Clyde Fisher of  
spent the Easter holidays  
Margaret Keith.

Messrs. Elvey and Ham  
as have been on a visit to  
here.

Several of the townspe  
ed the play given at the  
School Friday evening.

Miss Mildred Thomas v  
fully entertained the you  
her home on Monday eve

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jo  
of Jonesboro spent Mond  
visiting relatives.

Master Joe Bundy  
Gladys, spent Easter wit  
ter, Mrs. A. G. Edwards.

Mr. J. . Hicks of Ra  
Easter at home with his p  
town.

Little Miss Josie Lynn  
spent Monday night at  
her uncle, Mr. George Th

Mr. Neill McLean was  
Sunday, visiting Mr. Da  
Sr., who we are sorry  
tinues quite ill.

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