

FOR THE COMMUNITY CLUB

The News Letter, of Chapel Hill, offers the following for the consideration of the community club, here as well as elsewhere:

- (1) Determine the level of the streets and begin to grade them and to lay curbing and pavements.
- (2) Extend the sewer and water systems throughout the town, and compel the people to connect therewith.
- (3) Provide a good lighting system.
- (4) Provide a decent, well-kept lockup.
- (5) Increase the fire protection and put it on a paid basis.
- (6) Purchase an incinerator.
- (7) Lay out a town square and provide a band stand.
- (8) Build a town hall, or a community building, with adequate facilities for the production of plays, community sings, and other public entertainment.
- (9) Provide a market-place for farm produce, with public hitching and camping ground for the farmers, and a drinking fountain for man and beast.
- (10) Provide a rest room for the farmers' wives when they come to town.
- (11) Furnish free tuition for the children in the surrounding trade area.
- (12) Provide ample play facilities for the children on the school grounds.
- (13) Provide while land is cheap for playgrounds and parks that are likely to be required in the future. A well-equipped playground should include a baseball diamond, tennis courts, a swimming pool, swings, sand piles, and so on. It should be located near the center of the town.
- (14) Provide an adequate health department, which should include a whole-time health officer and a public nurse.
- (15) Pay sufficient salaries to enable the town to secure competent employment in all its paid offices; employ enough people to transact the city's business after the best and most efficient methods.

COTTON CROP SHY

The figures from the government show that the cotton crop will be the smallest harvested in about thirty years. The acreage was decreased, and with that goes a poor year in most sections. More corn and wheat will probably be harvested than last year, not two-thirds as much tobacco, and nothing like as much fruit. Hogs and cattle on the farms are not quite up to last year which was below the year preceeding. It looks as if the country is going to pay for cutting the farmer down to bed rock prices and not giving him a low price for what he buys. Many things will be short this year.

Never judge the merit of a joke by the laugh of a woman who has a pretty dimple or pretty teeth.

THE FAYETTEVILLE ROAD

The talk last week about the road from Vass by way of the camp to Fayetteville has been the cause of considerable talk along this line. D. T. McLauchlin called attention to the fact that this is the shortest possible route from almost any part of Moore county to Fayetteville, and much the shortest from the larger part of the county. While talking of this matter he referred to the older days when the road from Carthage to Fayetteville passed just above Vass and led down to Morrison's Bridge and thence out to Longstreet and Fayetteville. This was the outlet for all the upper part of the county above the Yadkin and the Morganton roads. These roads are now shut off by the camp, and to get to Fayetteville from Moore county now it is necessary to go by Aberdeen and Raeford, and Aberdeen is as far from Fayetteville going by Raeford as going by Vass.

The old sign up near the Presbyterian church says that Fayetteville is 28 miles distant. It is about 12 miles from Aberdeen to Vass, making 40 miles this way from Aberdeen to Fayetteville. From Aberdeen to Fayetteville by Raeford is 40 miles. From all of the county above Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and Jackson Springs, it appears that by Vass is the nearer route to Fayetteville, now that the camp shuts off the Morganton road from Southern Pines and the Chicken road from Aberdeen.

Years ago Fayetteville was the marketing town of all this territory away up beyond the Deep River. It ought to be yet, and would be if the people could get there, but they cannot. And this fact Mr. McLauchlin thinks ought to interest Fayetteville in getting this proposed road through.

The road as planned would follow an almost direct line from Carthage to Fayetteville, making a route from one county seat direct to the other, and one that is desirable on this account. On the way it would touch Camp Bragg, and afford short and easy communication between the camp and Pinehurst and other Moore county winter resort centers. The road is already built most of the way, as it goes out from Vass to Morrison's Bridge, and from this side of the bridge the route would be down by the McQueen power plants to Lamont's Bridge, where it could cross the river to the camp side; or it could continue on down this side of the river and cross at the bridge on the road from Fayetteville to Manchester. From that bridge the road is built to Fayetteville.

The route is a good one to build on, as it is right free from hills, and the grade would be easy all the way. It would travel a territory that is of much importance all the way. Leaving Vass, where the traffic from Moore county would convene, it would go down through the Lobelia country, and there strike on the settlements

between Vass and the lower power dam. There is no better farming region in the state, and it is filling up pretty fast with good farmers. But the power development down that way is of consequence, and a road into the industrial section is desirable. The road that goes to the lower dam and fit for travel, and is used all the time. From there to Fayetteville by Overhills is a road that is frequently used, but it is a little farther around than a road by Lamont's Bridge, or even straight down the north side of the river to the Manchester Bridge would be. After crossing the river the road would enter camp territory, and bring Camp Bragg into short touch with all the Moore county resorts that the officers and men would be interested in.

From all points of view this road would be valuable. As a developer of trade between Fayetteville and all of Moore county it would be worth building. As an open way to the camp it would be worth while, and even for the sake of opening the way down to the big river dams it would be an attraction. Mr. McLauchlin proposes that Fayetteville be asked to lend some influence at that end of the line and that the people of Moore go at this end, and see if the unimproved section of the road can not be made fit for a more extensive travel. Carthage and Fayetteville he thinks should have a through road to connect the two county seats, and this old route is the only available one, and it has so many things to justify it that he believes it can be done.

TOBACCO HARVEST BEGUN

The tobacco harvest has commenced, and the leaf is coming off in pretty good condition. More heavy tobacco was planted this year than last year, and that is showing as it goes into the barns. It too soon to predict yet what will be the character of the crop, but planters say the yield to the acre will be bigger, but that the acreage will be off at least a third. Prices on the South Carolina markets indicate a low figure, and especially for the poor grades. But as all the tobacco made this year had been made at lower cost this is not so painful as it was last year when the cost of making the crop was so high.

Inquiry among the best posted authorities says the farmers are not in bad shape this year. Most of them around Vass bought their fertilizer for cash, and are not confronted with debts. Many of them have much of their last cotton crop still on hand, and they are putting into practice the lesson of economy that was taught by last year's experience. With a reasonably fair crop this season bringing any decent price at all the farmers of this part of the country, according to current report, will be in good shape.

LAKEVIEW

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

Mr. Upchurch, of Raeford, was a business visitor in our village Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Knox Carrol, of Mt. Gilead, spent part of Monday at the Gardner House, the guests of their grandparents.

Mr. Murdock and family, of Durham, are spending this week at Camp Overlook. They come each summer and it seems good to see them back.

Little Miss Evelyn Gardner spent last week with little Miss Mary Ruth Harrington, at her home near Glendon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Wood, of Worcester, Mass., are passing some time with their children, Mrs. S. J. Stutts, and Mr. A. C. Wood, of this place.

Mr. Lloyd Gardner, of Pinehurst, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stutts are spending their vacation in Atlantic City.

Mrs. W. J. Harrington and little girls, Mary Ruth and Lucille, spent last week at their country home near Glendon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Driggers and Mr. and Mrs. Howard, of Hamlet, were Sunday visitors in town.

Mrs. Nearing, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. S. Newcomb, left last week for her home in New York. Mrs. Nearing is very much impressed with the Sandhills and has purchased a home in Pinehurst.

Everything is lively at Lakeview this summer. All the cottages are full and booked to the very last of the season. We have large crowds all the time and the dances are well attended, with a picnic from some source almost every day. These hot summer days finds the lake full of bathers and everything is going well despite the hard times and money scarcity.

Mr. S. H. Gardner, of Orangeburg, was in town Monday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Gardner.

WHAT IT COSTS

According to figures just given out it's going to cost each citizen of the United States the sum of \$82 to keep the government running next year. That doesn't mean that every man and woman in Vass, for instance, will pay that sum, because not all of them are taxpayers. But it means that those who do pay taxes will have to make up an amount equal to \$82 for every man and woman living in this country. This is based on a budget of \$6,500,000,000, which would mean a per capita of about \$60. But state and county taxes average up another \$22, so it really means a tax of \$82 on every citizen to run his government one year. It's a lot of money. There's no getting away from that fact. But when we stop to compare this nation with any or all of the others we're forced to admit that \$82 a year is pretty cheap for the privilege of living in the best country on earth.