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SOUTHGATE JONES

The delegates from Moore county who attended the tobacco meeting at Durham last week had hoped that John R. McQueen might be made the district delegate on the executive board of the marketing association, and probably he might have been elected had he and the other Moore county men held out. But Mr. McQueen personally did not want the responsibility of the place, and he voted persistently for Southgate Jones of Durham. After several ballots had been taken the other Moore county delegates followed his lead and cast their votes for Mr. Jones, and they voted for Jones just as they had voted for McQueen, because they looked on either man as fully competent for the work.

Southgate Jones is a Durham banker, the son of a sister of a man whose name in Durham and central North Carolina, J. H. Southgate, has been synonymous with those phrases that designate the upright capable human creature. It is said of him by those who know him best that Southgate Jones has the character of the Southgate and Jones stock, and that he is in his own work a man of ability and character. All the delegates from Moore county are emphatic in their opinion of the wisdom of the choice, and no one is more outspoken in his confidence in Mr. Jones than Mr. McQueen. These two men have had business relations and personal acquaintance, and those relations have always been such that Mr. McQueen has the highest regard for Mr. Jones and the highest confidence in his ability to fill the place right.

In this community where everybody knows John McQueen it was hoped by the farmers who are interested and by those who have no interest whatever that John McQueen would be the director. That is a fine personal sentiment toward McQueen, and one that he deserves, and that he was regarded by those who knew him as a man of such business qualifications as to be the logical man is a further tribute to him. But on his own testimony Jones is a man thoroughly qualified for the place, and that is the sole desideratum. It takes a right broad community to pass by one of its own members to give place to a stranger from outside, but it is time for us all to learn that fitness is not a question of locality, and that it makes no difference whether a good man comes from our community or some other community as long as he is a good man. Southgate Jones seems to be regarded in Durham about as John McQueen is in the Sandhills, and no more

need be said about that type of credentials for he will be an able executive.

Moreover he will have all the help that McQueen and every other man can give him for this association is not an admiration society, but an organization for strictly business purposes, and every big man in it will be ready at all times to do all he can in behalf of every movement that comes up.

KNOLLWOOD VILLAGE

In a way Knollwood Village is not of the Vass neighborhood, and to that extent may not be of interest to the people of this immediate vicinity. But in another way it is of the most vital importance, for on the influences that are at work over in the resort section of the county much of the prosperity and progress of the whole county depends. Knollwood already has invested probably close to a million dollars in Moore county. That assumes the responsibility of a big share of the public expenses of the county, and helps along in every public move that is made. But that is only a limited portion of the benefits that accrue. Knollwood creates a market for a big amount of farm stuff, and a place where many people find employment. During the building of the club house and the golf course and the roads many hands found employment, and Knollwood helped materially in bringing Moore county through the financial depression of 1920 with perhaps the least harm that befell any county in the state in this respect. Moore county has known little of hard times that followed the war, and is to know but little that may be yet ahead for the other sections before the return to better conditions generally.

More than that Knollwood has set an example of better things for the people of this county. A large number of the young men of the county have entered the employ of Knollwood as well as Pinehurst and there they are gaining a business training and experience and an income as well that is much different than would be the case were these institutions not in the county. From these centers radiate an influence that is lifting almost every home in the county to a higher basis.

Now comes the announcement that around Mid-Pines and over to Southern Pines is about to be started a new community center to be known as Knollwood Village, and as *The Pilot* can gather the village will be a model in many ways. Beginning over at the intersection of the Midlands road with the Carthage road, by Osborn place the land has been mapped along the Midlands road to the border of Southern Pines, and that will be the region of Knollwood village. On the ridge there near the junction of the Carthage and Midlands road is a bunch of lots that will be in the market. Fifteen of these lots are already sold. About twenty more are available. Then on either side of the Midlands road toward Southern Pines a

site reserved for a hotel and a golf course on the north side of the road and the Mid-Pines and the course on the south side occupies the ground almost the entire distance to the creek, except for about half a dozen lots below the club house and near the creek. From the creek toward Southern Pines a limited area will be reserved as a commercial center, and then the rest of the route on the Midlands road will be sold for building sites. The village will be a narrow area and about a mile and a half long, the golf courses taking out a big slice on the road, homes set on lots of from a little less than an acre in size to somewhat more.

Another feature about Knollwood village is the character of the men who are already buying building sites there. These are representative men from all over the north, whose aim is to have a place in this climate for the winter. They are men of money and influence, and every one that locates becomes at once a missionary among his friends to bring more. It is hardly a year ago that James Barber bought the first lot in what is now named Knollwood Village. Others followed, and now the whole group of fourteen lots above the club house has been sold, and two fine houses are already built there, and more will be built during the summer and fall. This is pretty fair assurance that Knollwood village is to be helped forward by its own momentum as well as by the proximity of the Mid-Pines development, and that it will add a large population of the right type to the Sandhills community. Where this will lead to *The Pilot* does not presume to say, but it will be to much bigger things, and those bigger things will influence the Vass community just as it will influence every other community in the county or the neighborhood.

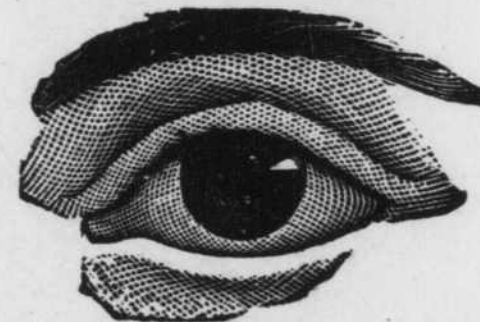
DIRT FARMERS

Just now we hear a lot about dirt farmers, and insistent demands go up from time to time that dirt farmers must be on committees and prominent in movements involving the welfare of the farmer. That is a right good argument for the demagogue, but in actual fact it is about as near a delusion as we can get. Because a man is actually following the plow day by day does not make him any more intelligent than the man who is doing something else. Cameron is a cotton mill man, but he is rarely exceeded in the quality of the cotton he makes on his farm east of Vass, although he does not touch a plow once in a year. J. R. Page, of Aberdeen, and S. B. Richardson, of Southern Pines, are among the most intelligent and successful peach men in the state, but possibly neither of them could plow a straight furrow. But no peach council is complete without them. Leonard Tufts is one of the most successful hog farmers in the United States, and one of the big dairy men, but it may be he

could not milk one of his cows in a manner satisfactory to his stable foreman. Dirt farming in only one phase of farming, and the man who knows that one phase is no more of a farmer than the man who knows one other phase. The fact is that some of the most successful dirt men in the state are negroes who are not able to do any other line of the work than the dirt work. It takes a higher order of ability to manage the farm, even if the manager never turns a furrow in his life, than it requires to do the actual manual, physical jobs of the farm. And the man who has gone no further than the dirt feature has not shown himself the most competent farmer.

John McQueen was the man the delegates of this county preferred as district representative at the Durham meeting. John McQueen is a saw mill man, or perhaps he would be set down as a banker, for he is the head of the Pinehurst bank, or he may be a coal man, for he is president of the Carolina Coal Company, and president of the Sandhills Power Company, and the list of other occupations is a long one. But at that he is one of the most competent men to direct farm affairs that the state can offer. Suppose instead of delegates to Durham Moore county had taken some men from the field instead of John McQueen, George Ross and Sheriff Blue. Who imagines we would have a stronger representation to work for the actual welfare of the farmers of the county? Yet the sheriff is a county official and Ross a hotel man of Jackson Springs. Where could we pick any three dirt farmers who would make a better combination? A dirt farmer all right, but that is the whole story. He is no more right than any other man when it comes to a matter of general business principles, and it is business principles that are always to be considered when farmers or any other calling of men get together to do business of any kind. The dirt farmer is all right, but no man is ever so all right but that in any business venture it is not better for him to pick out as his representative the strongest man he can find regardless of his line of daily work.

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PERSONALS AND BE

Miss Neillie Keith was the relatives in Raeford this week. Mr. Jess Thompson, of A was in Vass Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McLea to Sanford Tuesday.

Mr. J. Ebb Weir, of Long N. Y., arrived in Vass yesterday.

Mr. Turney Matthews went eight Saturday night.

Mr. Stacy Brewer made a Sanford Wednesday.

Mr. H. A. Matthews spent of this week in Richmond.

Mr. N. M. Smith was home State College Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McLean at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLean in Cameron, Sunday.

Mrs. D. A. McLaughlin part of this week with her Mrs. C. J. Gillis, of Raeford.

Mrs. L. J. Bliss has returned an extended visit to relatives Tewksbury, Mass.

Mrs. H. A. Borst and Mary spent Sunday afternoon in Iron.

Messrs. R. W. Pleasant and Taylor, of Carthage, were in Vass Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Keith and family Sunday with relatives on route 1.

Mr. Scott, agricultural agent Seaboard Air Line, was in Thursday.

Miss Gladys Bundy and Joe Bundy, of Raleigh, were week-end guests of their sister A. G. Edwards.

Misses Ila and Lula Evans Saturday night with Misses Thompson and Evelyn Thomas Cameron route 1.

Rev. M. D. McNeill filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning, accompanied by Mrs. McNeill.

Mr. W. D. Smith, Mesdames Oldham and D. C. McGill the funeral of Miss Mary A. Neill at Cypress, Monday.

Misses Agnes Smith and Agnes Gill called on Miss Vivian M. at the Carolina Central Hospital Friday afternoon.

Mr. G. H. Russell, candidate Democratic nomination for of the 13th judicial district, Vass Wednesday.

The boys' basketball team Jonesboro last Friday afternoon a game with the school team but had to play the town team was defeated.

There will be a call meeting Vass Community Club tonight at 7:30. The question of in with other communities playing a recreational director be discussed.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. general superintendent of this of the S. A. L. railway met mayor of the town, Mr. W. Thews, and the beautifying tee of the Vass Community a discussion on the subject of ing trees, shrubs, vines and along the right of way and the station. The move contemplated by the committee was very torly received by Mr. Peyton committee, which is composed Mesdames J. R. Thomas, C. J. and H. A. Borst, decided to the matter further and see if is to be done before work is