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## UPPER HOKE HAPPENINGS

The weather man is very busy these days, making changes from clear to rain and from rain to snow, and a fellow doesn't know what will be next in the way of weather.

We had the occasion to pass over a portion of the Johnsonville road which is being grubbed preparatory to grading and claying, from Johnsonville toward Cameron, or the Moore county line, via the old plank road. The engineer seems to be sticking to the old road bed and is widening it in narrow places and if properly graded and clayed we feel sure this will be about the nicest piece of road in Harnett county, for when the old plank road was laid out long ago, they made it as nearly straight as was possible and spared no pains in staying on high, dry ground. Certainly a high sandy ridge from Manchester to the clay country above Cameron station and not crossing a single water course from lower Little River, at Manchester, until they reached Beaver Creek, east of Cameron. All the water courses on the south side of this road lead to lower Little River, and those on the north side to upper Little River just west of Spout Springs station, on the A. C. L. railroad. Barbecue creek heads just north of the old plank road and not over a mile; just opposite Barbecue, on the south, Muddy creek heads both of those and they get to be quite large before they reach their destination. We hope for a road leading from the Hoke county line somewhere, either at Cypress church or some other suitable place near here, through to Johnsonville, as this link will make a through line to Lillington, Sanford and Fayetteville from Hoke.

Farmers through this section are talking tobacco beds and wishing for the weather to clear up so they can prepare and sow them. There will be about the usual amount of tobacco planted in Upper Hoke this year.

There was very little small grain sown in this neighborhood last fall on account of the extreme dry weather but what was planted is looking fine. Quite a lot of oats will be put in this spring.

We have had the biggest freshet in creeks and rivers that has been in quite a while. All car traffic has been tied up on account of high water.

Miss Mary A. McNeill, of Cameron, died of pneumonia last Saturday night week, and was buried at Cypress on Monday. Miss McNeill was 74 years old. She was a first cousin of J. Hector Smith.

There has been quite a bit of sickness around here during this winter.

There was a candy party at Mr. Oliver Johnson's last Saturday night which was enjoyed by quite a lot of the young folks of the community.

With best wishes to The Pilot and its readers.

## WHY NOT A COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

It has been suggested by some of our leading citizens that a County Board of Agriculture be appointed. We think this is an excellent idea and will prove very helpful to the county.

We would suggest that the county commissioners appoint a suitable person from each township to serve on this board and that the County Agent act as secretary for the board. We have a Board of Education, with the superintendent of schools as secretary, and the same with the commissioners and the register of deeds acting for them.

This board could meet on first Mondays or any other stated times and represent the interest of the farmers, bringing their needs to the attention of the County Agent who in turn could make an investigation, etc.

We believe that a board could be selected who would serve at least this year without compensation and assist in carrying out a definite plan of work, advocating certain farm methods, carrying on campaigns for better live stock, pastures, cover crops and endorsing those things that will influence the non-believing farmer to become a better farmer and business man.

## HARMFUL PUBLICITY

Protests by farm women against being called "overworked and downtrodden" have followed steps taken by the American Farm Bureau Federation for a national organization of women on the farm.

Farm women all over the land realize the harmful effect of this old-fashioned publicity. They have awakened to their own possibilities, and they do not want to be pitied nor patronized. They just want to be understood and, if possible, a little idealized. They would appreciate it for a change. The movement to organize farm women is becoming general, and we may soon expect it to take hold around Vass. By working in clubs in various communities the farm women have learned the value of organized effort in improving country life conditions. In the little community of 75 families in West Virginia, where the school teacher and others had talked for years about piping running water into the school house from a spring just up the hill, nothing was done until a few months after the farm women of the neighborhood organized a club and saw to it that the project was carried out.

There is something easy to be done in each community that will improve living and social conditions and each little success is leading the enterprising farm women on to higher ideals. They are realizing their power in bringing about better school conditions, and each time anything is done to make the boys and girls happier and more contented the mothers know they are increasing the chances of holding the children on the farm. Personally, we are strong for clubs among the farm women of this and every other community. And we're going to help in boosting them along every time we have an opportunity.

Every girl should refuse at least one lover before accepting another. Then she can spend the rest of her life telling her husband how happy she MIGHT have been with the other fellow.

## \$500.00 OFFERED

To Boys and Girls in Pig Club Work This Year.

I wish to appeal to the boys and girls of Moore county and ask that they avail themselves now for many of the premiums that are being offered to pig club work.

Just taking the classes in pig club work for the various breeds, barrow class, championships, county club exhibit, showing contest, and judging contests there will be offered \$544.00 in cash prizes. Besides these money prizes, free care and feed are given to each exhibitor's pig.

We hope to give two plans in which club members can secure pigs at a very reasonable rate and begin work about May 1st. I hope the parents of those children that are eligible will encourage this work and try to assist them in securing a pure-bred pig for their work. We will publish plans and advance premium list within a few days. In the meantime I would like to hear from any boy or girl under 18 years of age who is interested and assist them. Remember there will be many counties competing and we propose having one whole day for club work. M. W. WALL, County Agent.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS Having Expired Certificates.

The State Board of Education has recently passed the following regulations:—

"That after March 5, 1922, certificates will not be issued on the basis of experience in a city school on or prior to March 5, 1917, or on the basis of an expired county first grade certificate."

Notice of this action has just been received from the state superintendent. Any former teacher who wishes to have certificate renewed should act promptly. The time is short.

A. B. CAMERON,  
County Supt. Schools.

Beauty is only skin deep, and a lot of 'em get skinned trying to get it.

## NOTICE

To County and School Superintendents:

Following the suggestion of the Governor in his proclamation with reference to a "Food for the Family First" campaign, representatives of the Colleges of Agricultural Extension Service, State Board of Health and State Department of Education met and organized a central committee for the purpose of putting into effect the provisions of the proclamation. The committee is suggesting a county campaign committee, including the superintendent of schools, to have charge of the work in each county.

I am asking you to utilize the schools of your county to call attention, in a very definite way, to the urgent necessity of growing more garden vegetables, poultry, milk and butter, and pork, for home consumption. We must stress the fact that the purpose of the campaign is to produce these articles for home consumption—that our people may have a more wholesome diet and may live more cheaply by producing these necessities upon the home farm.

Educational Publication No. 31, "A Manual for teaching of Agriculture," gives a number of special lessons with references on gardening and hog raising. These may be secured from the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. These lessons should be selected and made the basis of your campaign in the schools this spring, supplemented by bulletins on poultry and milk and butter, which you may secure from the agricultural editor, Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C. These bulletins should be preserved by the teachers for future use.

Let me urge you through your schools to stress the all-year-round home garden. Ask your teachers to teach these subjects as a part of the course of study. Have them organize garden clubs among the children; then the parents may be induced to grow more vegetables to provide a more varied diet. There is no doubt that health and mental vigor are produced by proper food.

I am requesting the educational forces to co-operate in putting over this campaign. We shall have to act quickly to get results.

Very truly yours,

E. C. BROOKS,  
State Supt. Public Instruction.

Women are like cigars—you can't judge the filler by the wrapper.

We've never yet met a man who didn't love to brag about how bad he was when he was a boy.

Most people declare spitting is impolite. Not if you are spitting on your hands so you can do more work.

More people are looking for positions than jobs, and more are after jobs than work.