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## NEW FORESTS OF LONGBEAF PINE

Big Acreages Rapidly Reforesting With This Fine Timber

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One of the surprises of the Sandhill country is the rapid growth of long leaf pine trees since the stock law has shut hogs from destroying the young trees by digging up the roots. All over the lower section of the county young forests are coming up, and contrary to the general notion the long leaf pine resists damage by fire to a remarkable degree. One of the best examples of this is seen in the little grove near the Mid-Pines club, which last summer seemed to be wholly destroyed by a late fire, one of the most disastrous fires that come this way. But this summer the trees all came out again and are in fine fettle.

Around Pinehurst and Southern Pines long leaf pines are coming up in such numbers and vigor as to astonish the folks who are not familiar with the persistent growth of these trees, and much of the lower part of Moore county is destined to be reforested if the trees are given the slightest encouragement and appreciation.

Last week with Sheriff Blue I ran over a considerable of the area in the quadrangle bounded by Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Patterson's bridge on Drowning creek, and the Buchan farm down the creek near the county line. Now I go out over that country every once in a while, but this trip we began to note the wonderful growth of pine trees, and as the sheriff is much of an observer we paid more attention to this one feature than we might under other conditions. Around Pinehurst, and as far northwest as the long leaf pine thrives the stand of young trees is remarkable. Toward Southern Pines they are coming up in dense forests of little saplings. And all the way from Pinehurst to Drowning creek, wherever they have had a chance they are coming in thick, and they tell of the future merchantable forests if they are given even a fair chance.

Naturally the sheriff was more alert to the conditions down on his own territory near Drowning creek, where he has several thousand acres coming up to long leaf, with some short leaf, and he was also enthusiastic over some big tracts in the same neighborhood belonging to Dr. McLeod. In that neighborhood not many farms are cleared, and the forests that have been cut over in the past are coming in again, and right now much timber could be cut out. But the thing that impressed me is not the merchantable possibilities, but the interesting landscape and scenic attractions that these fine and thrifty young forests afford. In the course of a few years a system of intelligent lumbering will be required, for the trees will soon have to be thinned out by the saw mill. But if done with regard for the future the forests will not be harmed, as they will have the smaller growth to continue to make new forests, and indefinitely crops of pine timber can be taken from all that region along Drowning creek covering thousands of acres. It is fortunate that that land is in the hands of men who hold big tracts so that it is not liable to be broken up into little pieces and the timber destroyed. For no more farm land is needed in that section. Far more attractive is it to retain and operate those forests, and probably in the long run forestry will be more profitable. Then with forestry properly practiced and with turpentine worked as a side line on the economic lines of the modern methods pine timber in Moore county is likely to be again a big industry and probably a more profitable one than in those days when the timber was slaughtered and the turpentine wasted in its crude methods of the old days.

Already the forests of the section are so interesting that a drive in that area is worth while any day. Wild

## Cameron Morrison To Orate At Sanford

The Lee County Democratic Executive Committee of which Austin McCormick is the chairman, are trying to have one big political meeting at Sanford on the night of October 22. Former Governor Hon. Cameron Morrison will be the speaker. Cam's fondness for speaking is exceeded only by the eagerness of his followers to hear him, so McCormick has made a splendid beginning in his plans for a "big night." If you wish to hear good old Democratic doctrine expounded by a past master, here's your opportunity. Don't forget the date.—Friday, October 22, 7:30 p. m. at the Sanford Town Hall.

life is becoming abundant there, too, and the sheriff says deer, an occasional bear, turkey, quail and the smaller creatures are numerous. Good roads now open the forests for automobile traffic, and a drive may be made around the forests in any direction, covering forty or fifty miles or less if desired. A start can be made from any of the villages of the county and a finish at any point in the quadrangle. All that is needed is a Moore county road map, or a willingness to ask a few questions at the forks of the roads, or the nerve to go up one road and down another with the confidence that from any point in the forest a further road can be found that leads back home.

To my notion right here under our noses and half an hour from any place is one of the most interesting features of Moore county—the growing forests of long leaf pine trees that are destined pretty soon to provide great supplies of timber and turpentine for the markets and for local uses, and an interesting retreat and outing for folks who like the clean and picturesque scenery of that magnificent tree, the long leaf pine.

## "SAFETY FIRST" AT FARM-LIFE SCHOOL

Play To Be Given This Friday Night By Cast From Vass

The American Farce Comedy, "Safety First," attended by a large audience at the Vass-Lakeview school last week, will be given at Farm Life school, Friday, October 15, at 8:00 p. m.

The original cast from Vass will stage the play, which is sponsored by the Woman's club, of Vass. The proceeds derived will be divided between the Woman's club and Farm Life.

## WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET AT SANFORD

Annual Meeting Of 9th District N. C. Federation Of Women's Clubs

On next Tuesday, October 19, at the Wilrick Hotel, Sanford, there will be held the Annual meeting of Ninth District North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker, chairman of the Ninth District, will preside. The morning session begins at 10:00 o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:30. A very extensive program has been prepared on which several outstanding subjects have been assigned to ladies from Moore county. Mrs. Robt. N. Page, Sr., of Aberdeen, will respond to the address of welcome. Mrs. Charles M. Grey, of Southern Pines, will render a musical selection. Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Past President of the N. C. F. W. C. will deliver an address at the afternoon session.

The Woman's club of Vass will be represented by the president, Mrs. Guy H. Simpson.

## LETTER TO ALFRED MOORE CHAPTER

Suggestion To Daughters Of The American Revolution

No doubt the subject of this letter has been discussed many times by your Chapter, but after a long delayed visit to the old Alston home on Deep River, now owned by John Willcox, we are moved to write this letter, in the hope that it may revive the subject, which we hope may have been tabled by your society, for future discussion.

Although having no claim, so far as I know, to membership in any Revolutionary organization, we are possessed of an earnest desire to see preserved to future posterity the relics of that conflict which be within the confines of our county, and which as time passes become more rare and incalculably, more precious to the lover of the glorious traditions of this Republic.

Those responsible are to be congratulated for erecting the tablet marking the grave of Governor Williams. It preserves and marks for all time, the resting place of an illustrious statesman and patriot. But in the old Alston home we have an object for preservation which in my mind, equals, and may I say, excels in many ways that of the grave of even a governor. In its frame is found evidence of the terrible guerilla warfare that raged in this section, the mention of which, sad to say, is so neglected in our school histories. Nothing can so impress the rising generation of Doubting Thomases with the details of the Revolution, as to put their fingers in the bullet holes in the walls of the Alston house and let them realize that the struggle for independence was not confined to Paul Revere's ride and the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The house is a remarkable example of Southern Colonial architecture. The front door (now used as a back door) with its fine hand carved frame and fan light, give evidence of the skill of the architect and the taste of the builder. The back entrance with its carved Greek Key design bears equally the mute testimony that here was the castle of a feudal lord, where time meant nothing to the craftsman, who giving years of his skill to fashion with rude tools this manorial home of a cultured Southern Gentleman and Patriot.

One of the former owners removed the two wings, one of which was the kitchen containing the chimney where Mrs. Alston and her children took refuge from the British bullets. Mr. Willcox, who now owns the estate has replaced the original, many paned sash, with ones having larger glass, for which no one who has cleaned these old fashioned windows can blame him, and he is to be commended for the manner in which he has preserved this house which in the modern sense of the word is inconveniently designed. Other than this it is in an excellent state of preservation.

The second story has been reweatherboarded, but I understand that the original siding was not removed. Most of the original doors are in use, as well as many of the locks. The rooms are paneled and a suggestion of the Greek Key is used in the cap moulding, as well as in the heavy cornice and beautiful mantels. The chimneys are of fine hand made brick instead of field stone ordinarily used in contemporary buildings, again attesting the affluence of the builder.

I am not aware of Mr. Willcox's feeling in the matter, but knowing him to possess the fine qualities of its previous illustrious owners, I am confident that for a fair remuneration he would gladly relinquish his claims on this house to an organization of the calibre of the D. A. R. to become upon restoration and under a responsible caretaker the shrine of your chapter and the reliquary for the few and fast disappearing objects of that

## Beats Commercialism In The School

The Senoir Class of Farm Life school has proven that they can do other things than those done in the classroom. And the teacher has proven that she has her eyes open for opportunities of practical services. Last Saturday after attending the meeting of the County Teachers in the morning, this teacher took her class to the cotton patch, where all worked happily until night, the object being to make money for the many class purposes. This particular teacher is a graduate of N. C. C. W. and vice-president of the Moore County Teachers' Association, but she can do other things than those prescribed for the course of study. The class did some heavy picking, also some happy singing, and the teacher did some wise building. All honor to such teachers!

struggle for the emancipation of the American people.

It should not be your privilege alone to provide funds for such a worthwhile undertaking. Should your chapter sponsor it, I feel confident that the citizenship would come to your support. Children donating to such a cause would enrich their appreciation of our sadly neglected local history as in not other possible way, and their appreciation would increase with their age.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT ABERDEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Beginning, Thursday, October 14, and continuing through October 24, a series of evangelistic services will be held in the Baptist church of Aberdeen.

Rev. Jesse Blalock, pastor, will do the preaching and D. H. Buie, of Red Springs, soloist and song leader, will have charge of the singing.

It is hoped that the town and community may be greatly blessed by these services.

Everybody cordially invited. Services each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## ANGUS M'QUEEN HEADS SYNOD

Dunn Minister To Lead Presbyterians Of North Carolina

Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn, was unanimously elected moderator of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod at the 113th annual session, which convened in the First Presbyterian church at Statesville, Tuesday night.

The session opened with an enrollment of 225. The address of welcome was delivered by the pastor of the hostess church, Rev. C. E. Raynal.

## COUNTY AGENT TO BLOW STUMPS

Pyrotol Demonstration To Be Held In County Next Week

Why let stumps stay in your fields and take up space that could be used to grow valuable crops? These stumps can now be removed at very little cost with pyrotol or government blasting powder. Try to arrange to attend one of our meetings next week which will be held as follows:

Thursday, 2:30 a. m., October 21, with J. S. Flinchum, near Calvary, on highway No. 74.

Friday, 9:00 a. m., October 22, with G. S. Cole, near Cameron.

For further information, drop me a card or call me at Carthage.

E. H. GARRISON, JR.  
County Agent.

The busiest farmer is the man who should keep records. The man who does nothing has nothing to record.

## VASS HAS FINE DAIRY OUTFIT

Leslie Farm Builds Modern New Plant That Is Model

As long as most of the older inhabitants can remember, the Leslie farm on the outskirts of Vass has had a reputation for milk and butter, for long before many people of this section began to take dairying seriously Mrs. Leslie had such interest in Jersey cattle and superior dairy products that she was sending her famous butter to surrounding villages and markets, and her cows were the admiration of the vicinity. And now that modern conditions have brought about modern methods and the state has set new ideals in milk and butter production the old Leslie farm is still keeping its rating.

This week the dairy has finished a new set of buildings under the direction of the state Sanitary engineering department, and on Wednesday the cows were moved into the new barn for the first time, and milk from the new dairy will go out from a plant that will rank with any in the state.

A new plant has been built, wholly in accord with modern rulings, and it is a model of production, modern equipment and methods. The main building is the barn, which has stall room for twenty cows. The floors, and foundations are of cement with walls of the old long leaf heart pine lumber that was recovered from pulling down the cotton gin built years ago when long leaf lumber was abundant. In every way the new barn is in keeping with state requirements, cement floors, steel stanchions, separate feed rooms for mixing and storing feed, screened windows, iron roof, running water for the cattle and for washing purposes, abundant light and plenty of air and room for each cow.

Close by the barn is a new building of tile, with modern equipment for caring for the milk. This includes a steam boiler, steam sterilizing plant to sterilize the bottles at a temperature of boiling water after they have been washed in a solution of hypo-chlorides in a steam washing plant, and in the sterilizer the bottles stay until they are needed to bottle the milk when it is brought in from the barn night and morning. After bottling the milk is cooled by another machine that lowers the temperature to a proper degree for taking to the consumer and then it is packed in ice for immediate delivery.

The milk goes chiefly to the residents of Southern Pines, where it will rank with the best milk produced at any dairy in the state, and where its excellence will be guaranteed by a certificate from the inspector of milk for the Southern Pines district, L. L. Hedgepeth, working under the Southern Pines board of commissioners and the state. This will be one of the models dairies of this part of the state, and it will be operated under state supervision, which gives it a standing that is enviable. The cows in the dairy are Jerseys, as has been the case for years, Mrs. Leslie having been an admirer of Jersey cattle when the first of that type were brought to this part of North Carolina.

## Southern Pines School

On another page in this issue is an article of particular interest to those residing in the Southern Pines School District.

## SEASON SERVICES PINEHURST BEGIN SUNDAY MORNING, 17TH.

Services for the season at the Pinehurst Chapel will begin on Sunday morning, October 17th at 11:00 A. M., to which everybody is cordially invited.

From May 15 until September 15, farmers of Henderson County sold over \$14,000 worth of produce on the curb market at Hendersonville.