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**THE SIGN OF RELIEF.**

Bion H. Butler.  
I am not one of the folks who believe the country is going to the bowwows, for being an exaggerated optimist I am of the contrary opinion. It has never occurred to me that this big job of creation is a failure, and that it is to be followed by destruction, for although we may not have full knowledge of the drawings and specifications, it seems to go along without our aid.

We do not read enough of the fundamentals, and we yammer too much about the things that are sudsy. Every once in a while I dig up Pilgrim's Progress, for it is a fountain of quaint but substantial wisdom, and Bunyan in his simple fashion covered a world of philosophy in his discourse, and we may profit if we read more of it than we do.

This is suggested by the fact that we are about to learn that the farmer in climbing up the hill of difficulties has arrived at the place where Timorous and Mistrust saw the lions in the way, and turned back. Christian, with that fine optimism, which some call faith, pursued his way, and when he arrived near the lions he saw they were chained.

That is the experience in this world. Most of the lions are chained. And that is why we get as far as we do. The farmer is now in sight of the lions, and if he will look close he will see that they are chained. Or, to interpret Bunyan's dream, things are never as terrible as we in our alarms assume them to be.

Cotton is selling now around 13 cents. It has been soaring wildly in the neighborhood of 40, but the reason was apparent at the time, and the occasion was one that we hope never to see again. War disarranges relations in many respects. War always does, but rarely permanently to any disadvantage. War is over, and readjustments are gradually taking place. Cotton before the war was looked on as highly satisfactory if the price reached 12 or 13 cents. It would be satisfactory now if other things were in proportion. But it seems that the proportionate prices of other things are gradually adjusting themselves to 13 cent cotton. Fertilizer, the big item in the expense account, is this spring taking a decided drop. Fertilizer men say the price is to compare with the figures of before the war, and possibly the comparison will be in the farmer's favor. If cotton holds around 15 cents, and fertilizer goes to a price approximate with that of 12 years ago it is a certainty that the lions in the way of the farmer will be found to be chained when he arrives where he is to pass them.

As far as The Pilot can determine the fertilizer prices are not yet absolutely fixed, but the old 8-2-2 basis seems to be as low at the ports as before the war, with little difference in freights or costs of handling, and with the better arrangements for financing the supply the cost is to be rather in the farmer's favor. In other things the price tendency seems to be downward to accord with the price of farm things, although the farm products have had a much harder paring in price than most commodities. There the farmer still has a reasonable cause to be afraid of the lions, for many manufactured products, freight rates, mail rates, and things he buys are not priced on the same basis as the things he sells. But time will no doubt adjust these ratios and meanwhile the farmer is wise who will fit his own position to

the conditions. He can do this largely by prudent buying, by making use of his home facilities to supply more than he does, for he buys many things he should provide on his own place, and with the tendency to scale down costs of what he must secure from others his prospects are much better than they have been.

The farmer has suffered from the unnatural prices of war time, for he lost his head and his feet both under the unnatural conditions. With fertilizers making the decided shift that seems indicated, and with other commodities heading in the same direction it looks as if this should be one of the most favorable years the farm has had since the war began, and his attitude should be that the world is his if he goes after it.

The lions are chained if we have the nerve to travel the road, and the coming summer gives promise of being one of the best all around that the Sandhills have ever seen. But we must be optimists and play the game to win, and not let Faintheart delay us on the road.

**THE PINE NEEDLE INN.**

This week men and teams are busy at work grading out the foundation for the new hotel at Knollwood, the Pine Needle. Material has been ordered, and deliveries are to be made by February 15, that work may start on the substructure at once.

This new hotel is a pretty good thing for folks interested in the Sandhills of North Carolina to study. It was projected by the Pinehurst Corporation and set on foot by that organization, an organization fully familiar with conditions in this part of the country. When Pinehurst decided to expend another million or so in providing facilities for more people in this neighborhood it may be taken as a certainty that the outlay is warranted.

This is not Pinehurst's affair, entirely, for many other people are interested in the proper forecast of the future here. But those other folks are quite willing to accept Pinehurst's guess. They know very well that Pinehurst has access to more information on which to base its figures than any one else has, and also that Pinehurst does not start many things it does not carry out in proper form. There is a double assurance that Knollwood, and with it all the rest of the neighborhood, is in for a much broader expansion of winter business, and a much greater winter and permanent population. The Pilot has often reverted to Main street, the big road from the Carolina to the Highland Pines. That big road, that Main street of Middle North Carolina, is more definitely determined now than ever.

That this big Main street will have an interesting detour at the expanded Knollwood is all the more pleasing, and that detour will not be long in dotting another section of the Sandhills with interesting homes, and the probability is that the better type of homes will be the predominating kind, for all along Main street the day of the small experiment has gone by. A new era has come in the Sandhills, and the speed will be greater just as the pressure is greater. Main street will be all you care to expect of it.

**THE CHILD WHO WORKS.**

In the school discussion one phase has not been sufficiently emphasized, although it is brought out in every argument that is put up for or against an increased school period for the children in the rural schools. That phase is the right of the child to be taught to work. In some of the misguided interest in the children the sentiment seems to be put forth that children should not be allowed to work seriously until they reach the age of eighteen. Probably the only characterization of such an attitude is that it is a crime against the child.

Work is no hardship. The thing that makes it hard is the

constant talk about its objections. But work is the one thing we may all depend on for our subsistence, our material prosperity, and much of our happiness. Possibly the attitude society is manifesting toward work is one of the reasons why we complain so much and with some justness of the flippancy with which so many people regard the necessities of life, and try so energetically to avoid them. Work should be a pleasure if we look on it rightly, for it enables us to obtain the things we want, and unless we cultivate the habit of regarding work as undesirable it has little in it to protest against.

However, we all have to work, and the sooner the child learns to work intelligently and efficiently and with pleasure in the occupation the more that child's life is destined to be a success. Education is one of the most to be desired acquisitions of man, and the children should have all the opportunities they can be given to learn all they can, but in that education should be a thorough knowledge of how to work, and to work productively, and with pleasure in the task. School that cuts out work, and that makes work look objectionable to the child is just as open to criticism as work that cuts out school. The most unfortunate child in this county is the one who is not taught to work and to appreciate the pleasure of being able to provide for himself and his dependent by his work, and to find pleasure in the accomplishment that work permits. To keep children idle until they are eighteen is a grave mistake and serious wrong.

**CAMERON**

"Hail to thy returning festival—old Bishop Valentine! Thou comest attended with thousands and ten thousands little loves, and the air is brushed with the hiss of rustling wings. Singing Cupids are thy choristers. The mystical arrow is borne before thee."

The first person you meet on the morning of February the 14th will be your valentine.

W. M. Wooten and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Joyner in Fayetteville.

J. A. Phillips made a business trip to Winston-Salem Monday, selling his 1926 tobacco

After spending several weeks at home with her mother, Miss Kate Harrington returned Sunday to Charlotte via Biscoe, to spend a night with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Burt.

W. D. Smith, of Vass, was a caller in town Sunday afternoon

A large crowd at the school auditorium Friday night to see the "Wren" given by the Dramatic Club, Cameron High, and directed by Miss Louise Johnson. Door receipts were \$60.65.

Mrs. J. D. McLean was hostess at a three course luncheon at her home on Thursday of last week at 2:30 o'clock, a blue and white color scheme, the center piece being a beautiful narcissus in a China bowl of blue. Her guests were Mesdames Lula Muse, J. E. Snow, Jewel Hemphill, and Miss Kate Harrington.

The John McNeill Society met last week with Mrs. Jewel Hemphill. A splendid program with Miss Flora Phillips—the youngest member—as leader. Subject: "Being true to our Covenant."

The subject was discussed by four able speakers, Mesdames J. E. McGraw, W. G. Parker, Jewel Hemphill and Miss Ruth Wooten. Dismissed with prayer for Mexico by Mrs. Loula Muse.

Frank C. McNeill, of Richmond, Va., spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill.

Mrs. Mattie Cameron came down from High Point Saturday for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Robards.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vivk and baby, of Pennsylvania, are visiting Mr. Vick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rome Vick, on Rt. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Guthrie spent Wednesday at Fort Bragg, the guest of Sgt. and Mrs. Lemuel Williams

H. P. McPherson left Monday on a business trip to Ocala, Fla.

Mesdames J. A. McPherson, Georgie Matthews, J. M. Guthrie, Miss Meta Davis were shopping Friday in Sanford.

Messes Annie Hartsell, Vera McLean, Thurla Cole were visitors of Misses Effie and Margaret Gilchrist at their home on Rt. 2 an evening of

last week.

Miss Beulah Thomas who teaches at Broadway came home for the week-end.

Mrs. Janie Muse, Miss Mamie Muse and W. A. Muse visited Mrs. Fannie Muse near Carthage Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wicker, of Pinehurst, were in town Sunday.

Miss Mary McLean, of Raleigh, was home for the week end.

Dorothy and Frank Swett, students at Hemp, were home for the week end.

Miss Margaret Thomas has returned from a visit to Tampa.

D. C. Buie and family, of Hamlet, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Phillips.

Miss Annie McDonald, of Durham, visited relatives in town Sunday.

M. D. McLean was a business visitor in Aberdeen Saturday.

Mrs. Ben Gullede and niece, Miss Mary Redfern, of South Carolina, were in town Saturday.

Mrs. E. M. Borst, Mrs. H. D. Tally, Miss Annie Borst, Miss Hellen Parker, and brother, William Parker, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Alec Blue, and Mrs. J. A. Cameron and family at Raeford.

Mrs. Mamie Snipes and daughters, Misses Margaret and Hazel, of Clio, S. C., spent Saturday with Mrs. D. W. McNeill.

Mrs. Charles Grier, of Carthage, was a Cameron visitor Tuesday of last week.

Little Laura Grace Rogers who is spending some time with her grand mother, Mrs. Laura Rogers, went to Sanford Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. C. Rogers and Jr. R., Jr.

Miss Mary Gibson, of Hamlet, is visiting Mrs. Ben Gullede, on Rt. 2.

W. A. Muse, Miss Margaret Greene, Dwight Chalmers and Miss Louise Johnson spent an evening last week at Pinehurst.

Miss Lucile Loving spent the week end with Miss Eva Graham on Rt. 1.

Miss Lola Belle Thomas, of Broadway, spent Friday night with the Misses Rogers and attended the play at the Cameron school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Boaz went to Fayetteville Saturday, returning with Miss Ethel Boaz, who was taken quite ill after reaching home, but is reported some better at the present writing.

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**Little River Stores Company, Inc.**

**VASS**  
**Meat Market**  
**General Merchandise**  
**Building Supplies and**  
**Fertilizer**  
**DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFERS YOU**

Ubleached muslin L. L. at, yd.....10  
Pure Thread Silk Hosiery, full fashioned, at, pr. ....\$1.59  
Silk Hosiery, the \$1.00 kind, pr. ....89  
Costume Slips, all colors, each ..\$1.19  
Tablets and Composition books, each .....04  
Leatherette Suit Cases, with straps .....\$1.95  
Gold Seal Congoleum Rugs—  
6x9 .....\$ 9.00  
8x10 ..... 10.50  
9x12 ..... 15.00  
By the yard ..... .80

**NEW HATS WEEKLY OF THE**  
**NEWEST STYLES**

**LAKEVIEW**  
**Fancy Groceries and**  
**Feeds, Fertilizer and**  
**Pure Bred Pigs, (Big**  
**Bone Poland China)**

Bread Big Loaf .....09  
Choice Grade Saurkraut .....15  
Campbell Soups .....12  
Choice Dessert Peaches, No. 3 can .....30  
Golden Crown Syrup .....40  
Eagle Brand Milk .....23  
Sugar, any quantity .....7 1-2  
String Beans, No. 2 can .....15  
English Peas, No. 2, .....18  
Sweet Corn, No. 2, .....15  
Georgia Ribbon Cane Syrup, gal. ....85  
Coving Fancy Molasses .....85  
Lakeview Meal and Checkboard Feeds for all the animals and flock.

**SOUTHERN PINES**  
**Feeds and Seeds**  
**Fertilizer and Materials**

Pea Green Alfalfa Hay from Irrigated fields, richest for milk...38.00  
Choice Timothy Hay, per ton 35.00  
Cow Chow, per bag .....\$2.85  
Omoline, per bag .....\$2.80  
Pig Chow, per bag .....\$3.40  
Chowder, per bag .....\$3.85  
Hen Chow, per bag .....\$3.00  
Baby Chic Chow .....\$3.85  
Beet Pulp, per bag .....\$2.45  
C. S. Meal, per bag .....\$1.75  
Seed Oats, per bag .....\$4.00  
Feed Oats, per bag .....\$3.75  
Red Dog, per bag .....\$2.75  
Stock Salt .....\$2.50  
Fresh country eggs brought in daily  
**PRICE ALWAYS RIGHT**

**FERTILIZER**

CASH PRICES	Per Ton
8-2-2	\$20.65
8-3-3	24.50
8-4-4	28.50
8-3-5	26.00
9-4-5	29.85
6-4-0	23.35
Acid 16 Percent	16.15
Kanit 12 Percent	17.00
Soda 18 Percent	60.90
Manura Salts	19.65

**What you Save by**  
**using Cotton Seed**  
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**A GOOD CORN GUANO**  
**6-4-0**  
MIXED TO MAKE THIS: .....  
4 sacks, 16 percent acid.  
1 sack, 20 percent soda.  
10 sacks, 7 percent C. S. Meal.

**A GOOD COTTON GUANO**  
**8-3-3**  
Mixed:  
900 lbs., 16 percent acid.  
500 lbs. 7 percent S. S. Meal.  
150 lbs. 18 percent Soda.  
450 lbs. 12 percent Kanit.

**A GOOD COTTON GUANO**  
**8-4-4**  
Mixed:  
900 lbs. acid.  
500 lbs. C. S. Meal.  
250 lbs. Soda.  
350 lbs. Manura Salts.

**Little River Stores Company, Inc.**

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