

MAY 16. the bene- the floods given at ry Culb one that the char- is such should be n in the Lend a to serve

is prob- before the lina. od tobac- is, Vass, 2c.

Is a Paper Devoted to the Upbuilding of the Sandhill Territory of North Carolina

Address all communications to THE PILOT PRINTING COMPANY, VASS, N. C.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1927.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2.00

SOME TROUBLES WITH SCHOOLS

Parents, Teachers, Methods and Other Agencies at Fault.

I read with a good deal of interest the editorial on schools in last week's Pilot. Since the editor left the matter open as to many of the causes, I feel that it might be illuminating for some of the patrons to give their views of the trouble with our schools, for trouble there is, was, has been and will be. Of course we never get any business or work perfected and there are new problems as we come upon new days. I believe that a great many will agree with the editor when he says, "it may be an unjustifiable question, but many will be disposed to inquire if the schools are doing the best they could do with the money at their command." There is no doubt but that a great deal of the latter is being spent in buildings, operating and equipment. A very small per cent of those graduating from high school ever even try to go to college and they never know how little they do know for they are not subjected to the test that the college work brings. We cannot any more go back than we could put a chicken back into an egg; but we can look back at the old-field school that many of us older people attended and see that they did a work that is not being done today. I am not one either that thinks all the things of the past were the best or longs for the good old times when we sat on a slab seat with no back for a bench and crowded around an open fire place and the biggest boy squeezed you off to get closer himself, but they did have some things that is not done today and that it takes to get an education. There was one thing that was needed then, and is needed now, and will be needed a hundred years from now, whatever the problems then will be, that is hard work. It took work to master those problems that were submitted when a fellow was half frozen sitting on a board and in a school house without any glass windows and we may not think that now because we sit in a truck and drive over good roads where we used to stumble along through mud and through woods miles to a school, getting up before day and getting back about night, now in a steam heated house with all city conveniences—we may not think that because of all this we will just absorb an education somehow. These very things may prove our undoing for it may seem to make it easier, and after all going to school is not a hard job, usually the harder the job the greater effort has to be put forth and when you get it you know how it came and you know what it is worth. It is no doubt well that we have given much attention to the recreation feature of our school work, but may not this be overdone, in fact is it not already being overdone? There is no doubt in my mind but that here is a cause for much of the lack. It is disconcerting and distracting, there are, too many match games of ball, too much going and coming, too many "plays" and too many "parties," so many in fact that our young people, most of whom are of poor parentage are being spoiled and seem to think that life all is to have a good time. The edge really is being worn off of such pleasure by having so much of it that the child calls continually for something new and something different, on the same principle that the boy who has few toys and little time for play enjoys what he does have and gets more than the boy who is loaded by fond and indulgent parents, who is sickly and peevish about his play. All work and no play, it is true, makes Jack a dull boy, but all play or more play than is wise makes him a "no count boy."

Then again the discipline of the old time school is a thing of the past in many of the schools, and this is half the battle. Without order and

enforcement of discipline good work cannot be done. Next there have been too many things introduced into the school work—too much extraneous matter. Our schools as everything else are afflicted with "Thingitis" and not enough attention given to the fundamentals, the three Rs which will never go out of style.

Now I have not placed the blame but will do that. Most of it lies with the man who pays the taxes—the parents, some of it with the teachers, but usually with the folks back home. With the right attitude the teachers will come across or some can be had who will. I never taught school, but know enough about it to know that to do the best work the teachers must have the co-operation of the homes from which children come. I have made it a practice for many years to go to the principal of the school, tell him to see that my children prepared their lessons and gave no trouble, or if they did I would be at his back and work with him in whatever was best to do. I told my children if they got a switching at school I would give them one at home for getting it. I suspect they have gotten some but they never told me about it, so they saved themselves this one. Still believe in the rod, for that is the Bible way, up to certain ages. After that it may be some new grounds need clearing or other work done that would hurt a big coarse boy more than a beating, which is not wise to put on a man in size, seldom if ever, in school. Let us not forget that from the old-field school, belittle it as some may, and its crudity, there sprang from it many mighty spirits. Its limited education often gave inspiration to native talent and struggling genius and hundreds of our greatest men never had anything but an old-field education and let us not think that there is some magic power whereby we may get an education without persistent effort, and that it must be worked out if not by the candle by the electric light and that we cannot eat our cake, and still have it.

A Parent

CAROLINA THEATRES TO CLOSE

Charlie Picquet advises us that the Pinehurst Theatre will close on the night of May 30, for the remainder of the summer unless some big film attraction should be available which would require its re-opening for one night.

The Southern Pines Theatre will close on the night of May 31, for two weeks, re-opening on Tuesday, June 14, with the famous stage comedian, Ed. Wynn, in "Rubber Heels."

The closing attraction in both theatres will be Charlie Murray and George Sidney in one of the biggest and funniest war comedies of the year, "Lost at the Front," which will be shown at Pinehurst on Monday, May 30, and at Southern Pines Tuesday, May 31.

Mr. Picquet says that he hopes to be able to keep the Southern Pines Theatre open twice a week during the summer, showing on Tuesdays and Saturdays, but expects to keep the Pinehurst Theatre closed until October 3, when it will re-open with the big production, "The Rough Riders," now having an extended run in New York.

Vass and Community

J. M. Tyson and O. Winkelman made a business trip to Tabor Monday.

A. Cameron, A. M. Cameron and W. D. Matthews were business visitors to Durham Monday.

Mrs. S. Howard Creech and children, Jack and Clarice, are spending a few days with relatives in Greensboro.

Mrs. Alton Chappell returned Monday to her home in Manley, after spending some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Byrd.

Mrs. Hardin Gunter and children, of Aberdeen, Mrs. Floyd Gunter and little daughter, of Richmond, Va.,

(Please turn to page 2)

SCHOOL NOTES FROM PINEHURST

Recital of Piano and Expression Pupils Next On Program.

The next program in the closing exercises of the Pinehurst schools will be the recital of the piano and expression pupils under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Moore, head of these departments. She will present these pupils in recital on Thursday evening, May 19, at 8:15 o'clock. Mrs. Moore has a large class and this recital promises to be unusually interesting.

On Friday morning, May 20, at 10 o'clock, the annual Senior Class exercises will be held as follows:

Salutation, Emily Bosworth. Class History, Mary Medlin. Class Prophecy, Annabelle MacNab. Class Will, Pauline Campbell. Class Musician, Mary Vick. Class Poem, Lee Williams. Class Giftoirner, Ethel Horner. Class Oration, Palmer Maples. Class Valedictorian, Will Francis Journey.

This class program will be interspersed with some very delightful music.

At the conclusion of the Senior Class exercises, the Perfect Attendance and Reading Certificates will be presented. And also some of the prizes will be awarded.

After a chorus by the Junior High, Superintendent A. B. Cameron, of Carthage, will present certificates to the following candidates: Joseph Harold Frye, William Neal Lymon, Edward Ralph McKenzie, James Donald Quail, Alexander Stewart, Esther Mae Campbell, Marjorie Cole, Orene Frances Frye, Ollie Merviel, McDonald, Myrtle Lee Medlin, Gladys Elizabeth Primm, Lillie Margaret Talbert.

On Friday evening, May 20, at 8:15 o'clock the annual medal contest in Declamation and Reading will take place. These medals are given annually by Rev. T. A. Cheatham, of Pinehurst. The following boys have entered the Declamation medal: Herbert Ehrhardt, "A Message To Garcia." Herbert McCaskill, "The Rider of the Black Horse." Alton Wickler, "Southern Spirit." Palmer Maples, "The Unknown Speaker." Howard Woods, "Happiness and Liberty."

The following girls have entered for the Reading medal: Betty Barrett, "The Call of Bells." Pauline Currie, "Ole Mistis." Catherine Cole, "Telephone Romance." Levoria Salley, "Humoresque." Eula Bristow, "Naughty Zell." Bessie Cameron, "According to Faith." There will also be some strong musical numbers on this program.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the High School Auditorium, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. M. McLeod, of Pinehurst.

On Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock the graduation exercises will take

place. Rev. T. A. Cheatham, of Pinehurst, will make the literary address. After the conclusion of this address the diplomas will be presented to the senior class by Mrs. Gertrude W. Tufts, a member of the school board. After which Superintendent W. P. Morton will award the prizes, honors and medals.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY STARTING ON HOTEL.

The construction company which will build the new hotel at the Pine Needles is on hand, and has made a beginning in the erection of a tall derrick that will handle the steel in the work of building. The foundations are completed, the grading is far enough along to give an idea of what the completed building will look like, and as material arrives for the advancement of the structure the plans will unfold rapidly.

The roads throughout the Pine Needles property are all in good condition now, and they afford a drive for the curious which takes a lot of people over into that section every day. The new route to Carthage through the place is also a popular short cut.

ICE CREAM SUPPER A DECIDED SUCCESS.

Mrs. T. E. Johnson and family wish to thank their friends for their co-operation with them Saturday night at the ice cream supper at their home near Cameron.

Sam Hill got the prize for guessing the number of grains of corn in a pint bottle.

Thomas Medlin got the prize for the lucky number.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us through the illness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. D. I. McFadyen and Children. Tom Tarheel says lime and alfalfa seed are both cheaper this year and that's why he picks this s a good time to plant a field to the crop.

Mr. Punk Adviser says it's too much trouble to mix feeds at home; buy them in the sack even if it does cost more.

The present scarcity of breeding sheep in North Carolina is the best reason for saving the ewe lambs this year.

Cotton mills of North Carolina are using four times as much medium length cotton as is produced in North Carolina. There appears to be a good demand for inch to inch and one-eighth staple.

Farmers of Craven County have received about \$42,000 in spot cash for their hog feeding operations this spring.

RIVER TOWNSHIPS ARE INTRODUCED

Rev. Mr. Clarke Appeals to Kiwanis For Roads in Upper Moore.

At the Kiwanis Club dinner Wednesday at the Burgess building in Southern Pines an important subject that came up was presented by Rev. Charles E. Clark, of the Carthage Presbyterian church, who spoke of the need of better roads in the northern townships of the county. Mr. Clarke has occasion frequently to travel those roads, and while much improvement has been done up in that section much remains to be done to bring the country roads into as good shape as the roads of the Sandhills.

This is pretty well known to all folks who go up into that part of the county, but Mr. Clarke brought out the fact that is not so well known, that the river townships of Moore county are one of the greatest assets Moore county possesses, and its development means the development of an empire that is the outlying territory of the Sandhills. The rugged nature of the landscape and the picturesque features that would be accessible to the visitors of the Sandhills are of sufficient importance to the Sandhills folks to encourage their aid, and beyond this that section of the county is fertile in its soils, and capable of a great production, and the broadening of a great population that would rebound to the advantage of the people of the Sandhills if we could get closer together.

Mr. Clarke's talk interested the folks present, and it is likely that the result will be a closer interest of Kiwanis in that part of the county. He also referred to the work the Boy Scouts are doing, which is backed by the club.

Charlie McDonald and Mose McDonald told of the work the commissioners and the road commissioners are doing to stop the destruction of shrubbery along the highways and a lot of cards, big and little were distributed to be posted in various places and to be handed out to the people to help in the work of preserving the shrubbery, and it looks as if the work on that line has been started.

PREPARING FOR BIG COTTON AND TOBACCO CROP.

Farmers are setting out a big tobacco crop, and the weather has been of the kind to get a good stand in planting. The prices of tobacco last fall are encouraging a liberal acreage. Cotton is also planted in fair amount, and the plants are coming up to show one of the best stands seen in the county in a long time. The situation at the present indicates a good crop of both products. More rain would not hurt anything, for the ground below the surface is dry, but nearer the surface it is moist enough to push the crops along. The peach prospect looks right good for the territory on the Norfolk Southern, but on the Seaboard the outlook is not so good. It is figured that probably 1,500 cars will be sent out this summer.

CAMERON

Miss Vera McLean attended commencement exercises at Elise Monday.

Mrs. D. S. Ray and Miss Elizabeth Ray spent Sunday at Pinehurst.

Mrs. Alec Blue and granddaughter, Miss Marguerite Cameron, of Raeford, are guests this week of Mrs. E. M. Borst and Miss Annie Borst.

Mrs. A. M. Snipes is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Richard Maples, of Durham.

Gus Clark, of Florida, was in town Saturday, calling on old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKeithen and little daughter, Elinor, Mrs. A. A. McKeithen, of Aberdeen, were recent

(Please turn to page 2)

Moore County Goes Over Top In Flood Relief Drive

Statement of receipts and disbursements of contributions donated to Mississippi Flood Sufferers from Moore County Chapter American Red Cross.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements, listing locations like Aberdeen, Cameron, Carthage, Eagle Springs, Hemp, Jackson Springs, Pine Bluff, Pinehurst, Samarcand Manor, Southern Pines, West End, and totals.

Carthage, N. C., May 17, 1927.